

# ANNUAL REPORT



## City of ROCHESTER New Hampshire

*For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955*







JOHN SHAW, MAYOR

Sixty-fourth Annual Report

OF THE

*City of Rochester*

NEW HAMPSHIRE



For the Year Ending December 31st  
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-five



# INAUGURAL ADDRESS

by John Shaw, Mayor

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

Municipal Administration is generally a compromise between what the public wants and demands and what they as taxpayers are willing and able to pay for.

There are many citizens who want new and added services and are willing to pay for them, but there are, in my belief, many more who cannot carry the burden of the increased taxes necessary to pay for such expansions.

The tax rate, the funded debt and total assessed valuation will give the answers very quickly about the affairs of any community.

My personal belief is that any city administrative policies should be operated in short cycles of expansion and retrenchment.

When any community's tax rate is too high and funded debt too large, there is only one answer and that is economy and retrenchment.

We have tried to carry out, in the past two years, the down part of the cycle called "retraction." I believe that at the time of my taking office that the general City debt was too great and the tax rate too high.

In the last two years, we have brought the debt down to a reasonable size and have lowered the tax rate considerably below the average State rate.

Our City economy is now in a position to either move forward or to rest at half cycle. Our pay-as-you-go policy can be modified in the coming year to purchase some new equipment. My own views, as far as the tax rate is concerned, are that it must and should be held to approximately last year's figure.

## TAX RATE

Our tax rate was reduced the first term from \$50.20 to \$46.60—a reduction of \$3.60 in the face of a loss in valuations of nearly \$50,000. In the second term, there was a further reduction from \$46.60 to \$44.60—a reduction of \$2.00 or a total of \$5.60 in two terms. Our total valuations have only increased about \$4,000 since the \$50.20 rate so that we take some pride in pointing out that we did not use the old political trick of raising the valuations to make a cut in the tax rate.

I also believe that any tax rate in the vicinity of between \$45.00 and \$47 is an acceptable rate for Rochester.

## CITY OF ROCHESTER

## THE BUDGET

The Budget has been reduced in each term approximately \$85,000, and each year we have wound up with a considerable surplus from these Budgets.

The accomplishment of producing a surplus is not something of which we should be overly proud. It can indicate two things: one, that the business of the year was conducted in an economical fashion; or, two, that the Budget was too large in the first place.

## THE CITY DEBT

The overall debt is divided into three groups: Water, Sewer fund and the general City debt.

The Water debt is entirely separate, payable from the Water receipts and does not affect the tax rate, but of course can affect the Water rates.

The Sewer fund debt is a separate debt used to finance sewer installations, and this is offset by an accounts receivable owed by individual taxpayers, guaranteed by liens on their property, and this debt does not effect either the tax rate or the Water rates.

The general City debt is the important debt as far as the City finances are concerned. Its size affects the credit of the City, the yearly budget and the tax rate.

The general City debt has been reduced from \$254,146 and now stands at the very small amount of \$149,916.

The Sewer fund debt is \$18,000 and this is offset by payments due the City of the same amount.

## WATER SYSTEM

The Water System debt is \$650,000 and this includes the cost of our new Water System, our new City extensions and the old debt which amounted to well over \$100,000. We have endeavored to finance this debt in such a manner that the cost will be distributed over a long period of years, so that we can pay for it without raising the Water rates. Our payments for the next thirty years will be "constant" and will amount to approximately \$30,000 a year.

We have been paying in round figures about \$22,000 out of the Water receipts each year for debt service. We have showed, after making this payment, a surplus of from \$5,000 to \$7,000. This, together with the anticipated increase in the amount of Water sales, combined with good management, should enable us to make our yearly Water debt payments without necessitating an increase in the Water rates.

It has been called to my attention that we have not only tripled the amount of available water supply and delivery but that also the quality of the water for drinking purposes has been tremendously improved.

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It has also been suggested that due to the increased quantity in the system, the summer water temperature will be a great deal colder than formerly, and this makes for greater palatability.

One of the big reasons for installing our new Water System was our desire to have sufficient water to meet and supply the demands of any new industries that might come to Rochester.

It has been estimated that our new Water System will meet the demands of our expected normal growth many years beyond 1990. It should reach completion sometime this spring.

## NEW INDUSTRY

Our community needs a new industry. It is quite vital to us if we are to maintain our economic health.

This need has been with us for several years, and we have not made up to this point any great progress toward filling the need.

Rochester is in a fair way of becoming a satellite or bedroom town for the industrial communities surrounding us, and this is not good for our future.

Something more must be done than is *now* being done.

## CONCLUSION

Our program for the coming year will again be one of economy, and the holding as near as possible of our present tax rate.

To me, good municipal government is nothing but good taxation, and good taxation is taxation only to the lowest possible amount necessary for economical and efficient services.

# CITY GOVERNMENT

AS ORGANIZED JANUARY 1, 1955

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*Mayor*, JOHN SHAW

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## COUNCILMEN

*Ward One*—Richard Q. Lachance, Sherman A. Chamberlain, Reginald G. Hurd, Sr.

*Ward Two*—George C. Nadeau, Scott G. Winkley, John F. Campbell.

*Ward Three*—George A. Lachapelle, Sumner W. Watson, Edgar J. Carignan.

*Ward Four*—Sylvio A. Levesque, J. Arthur Leblond, Marc E. Lemoyne.

*Ward Five*—James L. Foss, Edward H. Quimby, Jr., Elmer R. Waitt.

*Ward Six*—Ira E. Boyer, Frank D. Callaghan, Jr., Carl Wentworth

*City Clerk*—D. Arlene Baker.

*City Solicitor*—Paul B. Urion.

*City Treasurer*—Charles F. McCauley.

*City Accountant*—Paul H. Bergeron.

*Collector of Taxes*—Downing W. Osborne.

*Commissioner of Public Works*—Porter Roberts.

*Marshal*—Vane E. Nickerson.

*Assistant Marshal*—Ernest J. Levesque.

*Sergeant*—Clarence A. Woods.

*Patrolmen*—Deus Levesque, Leland L. Waterhouse, Laurent V. Autotte, Arnold Horn, Sidney J. Hurley, Nelson S. Hatch, Joseph G. Zuromskis, Harvey E. Warburton, Willis M. Hayes, Nelson Goodfield.

*Chief Engineer of Fire Department*—Ralph G. Seavey.

*Deputy Chief Engineers of Fire Department*—Frederic Cookson, Joseph E. Woodes, Charles R. Grenier, John Meader.

*Overseer of Poor*—Forrest L. Keay.

*Sanitary Officer*—Frank N. Dow.

*City Physician*—Charles E. Moors, Jr.

*Board of Health*—Charles E. Moors, Jr., Forrest L. Keay,  
Frank N. Dow.

*Plumbers' Examining Board*—Joseph A. Rainville, Wilbur F.  
Horne, Frank N. Dow.

*Assessors*—Albert R. Chalmers, Louis M. Boston, George J.  
Potvin.

*Trustee of Trust Funds*—Walter A. Bickford, Wallace Hussey,  
Bernard F. Nixon.

*Trustees of Public Library*—Albert C. Hervey, Harold E.  
Copeland, Reginald G. Hurd, Sr., Winifred E. Hartigan,  
Sumner W. Watson, Lucien G. Paradis.

*Licensing Board*—Mayor John Shaw, City Marshal Vane E.  
Nickerson, Commissioner of Public Works Porter Roberts.

*Manager of City Hall Auditorium*—Frank B. Miller.

*Building Inspector*—Miles H. Dustin.

*Janitor*—Odilon Ferland.

*Janitor, East Rochester Hall*—Everett H. Johnson.

*Janitor, Gonic Hall*—Telles Dolbec.

*Scaler of Weights and Measures*—Clifford J. Grenier.

*Special Police*—William O. Allen, Robert Benner, Horace P.  
Berry, Wilfred L. Berube, Oliver E. Blakeney, Percy  
Brooks, William R. Brown, Leon E. Buffum, Frank D. Cal-  
laghan, Sr., Robert J. Callaghan, Edgar J. Carignan, Wil-  
liam H. Champlin, Jr., Raymond Chisholm, Charles A.  
Cotta, Ernest Couture, Eudore Couture, Alvah L. Cox,  
George A. Creteau, W. Earl Davis, E. Morrison Douglas,  
Frank N. Dow, Miles H. Dustin, A. J. Familgetti, Paul J.  
Forcier, Albert S. Foster, Chester A. Freeman, J. Wesley  
French, Neal D. Goodwin, Alphonse Hamel, William D.  
Hamel, Charles Hanson, John F. Hickey, Adrian Hodgkins,  
John J. Hurley, Edward Joblonski, Alphonse J. Lacasse,  
Richard Q. Lachance, George A. Lachapelle, Elmer A.  
Lavallee, Sylvio A. Levesque, Fred Lyons, Jr., Frank B.  
Miller, Fred Mortimer, George C. Nadeau, Wilfred Nut-  
brown, Rolf Osterman, Weston H. Palmer, Henry Paradis,  
Freeman V. Parshley, Michel A. Pelletier, John W. Phil-  
brook, George J. Potvin, Bert F. Power, Kenneth H. Preston,  
Norman J. Raitt, Edgar Remick, Porter Roberts, Joseph A.  
Roulx, Fred L. Seavey, Wallace G. Shaw, Harold R. Shep-  
ard, Anthony A. Solsky, Alphonse Sylvain, Leon E. Sylvain,  
Albert L. Wallace, Carl H. Wentworth, George Wood,  
Joseph Woodes.

*Public Weighers*—Dana Copp, Chester A. Davis, J. Raymond Fisher, Wallace N. Fisher, Miles Hill, Robert Hussey, Charles Mattocks, J. A. Morrill, Albert C. Mortimer, Roger E. Page, Orlando E. Pickering, Hill Pollard, George Sewell, Chester H. Smith, Olive Page Tufts, Albert Warburton, Joseph Woodes, Bert Woodward.

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*—Arthur Bonenfant, Raoul Lacasse, Arthur Mason, A. F. Potvin, George J. Potvin, Arthur S. Wallace, Walter Williams.

*Fence Viewers*—Elery J. Lyndes, Harry F. Lemke.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES, 1955

*Finance*—Mayor, Watson, Campbell.

*Public Works*—Mayor, Nadeau, Callaghan, Levesque, Leblond, Carignan, Chamberlain.

*Police*—Mayor, Lemoyne, Wentworth.

*Fire*—Levesque, Winkley, Quimby.

*Legal Affairs*—Mayor, Lachance, Hurd.

*Claims & Accounts*—Mayor, Leblond, Quimby.

*Public Buildings*—Callaghan, Lachapelle, Foss.

*Purchasing*—Mayor, Lachapelle, Wentworth.

*Traffic*—Carignan, Lachance, Boyer.

*Street Lights*—Winkley, Lemoyne, Waitt.

*Elections*—Hurd, Watson, Chamberlain.

*Bills in Second Reading*—Campbell, Nadeau, Waitt.

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### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Albert C. Hervey, Secretary; Ernest W. Campbell, Chairman;  
Donald Keller, John C. Richardson, Jr., Ludger J. Cossette.

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### ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

Mayor John Shaw; Paul H. Bergeron, Secretary; George C. Nadeau, Ernest L. Rolfe, Alfred G. Desmarais, Dennis E. Brennan, J. Paul LaRoche, Herve E. Lagasse, Albert L. Mabbett.

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### SELECTMEN AS OF 1955

*Ward One*—Frank Shaw, Glover Robinson, George Pray.

*Ward Two*—Orman Mann, Donald D. Beaudoin, Randolph Conrad.

*Ward Three*—Diana Lachapelle, Rita L. Carignan, Priscilla Couture.

*Ward Four*—Robert Beaudoin, Herve J. Martel, Philip Perrault.

*Ward Five*—William E. Gerrish, Albert C. Hervey, Melvin Downing.

*Ward Six*—Philip Estes, Vernon E. Hersom, Frank Muggleston.

# IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

Passed by the City Council 1955

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## RESOLUTION TO BORROW MONEY IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Finance Committee be authorized to hire in anticipation of taxes a sum not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.). Said sum to be hired on notes of the City at such time as the best interest of the City requires.

Passed January 5, 1955.

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## AMENDMENT TO SEWER AND WATER EXTENSIONS ORDINANCE

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* 1. That Sub-Section (e), Paragraph 1, Division A, Section 9, Chapter XIII, City of Rochester Ordinances, 1952 edition, entitled "Highways," as amended, be further amended by striking out said sub-section (e) and substituting therefor the following:

(e) A separate form of agreement, providing that said person or persons shall pay for the total cost of any sewer or water extensions which said costs shall be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works, and which said agreement shall further provide for the payment of the total cost of said sewer or water extensions plus full payment of interest on account of any debt to be incurred by the City in the construction of said sewer or water extensions. Said agreement shall further provide that the total cost of said sewer or water extensions and payment in full of the interest on any debt to be incurred by the City in the construction of said sewer or water extensions shall be paid by the person or persons desiring such construction by means of a special sewer or water assessment, and shall constitute a lien on all land of said person or persons, transferable upon the conveyance of said improved land, provided all prior instalments thereon have been paid. Said agreement shall further provide that said special sewer or water assessment shall be based upon the total cost of construction plus the payment of interest on any debt to be incurred by the City, and may further provide that said cost and interest may be pro-rated over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years. Said agreement shall further provide that where there is more than one person involved, that each person or persons and their spouse or spouses, as the case may be, shall pay his or their pro-rata share of said special assessment. Said agreement shall

be recorded in the Strafford County Registry of Deeds, and said lien shall have the full force and effect of a tax lien and collectible as such as provided by Sections 10-14, inclusive of Part 22 of Chapter 188, New Hampshire Laws of 1945. Said agreement shall also be signed by each owner, and shall be duly witnessed and acknowledged.

2. That Division E, Section 9, Chapter XIII, 1952 City of Rochester Ordinances, entitled "Highways," as amended, be further amended by striking out said Division E and substituting therefor the following:

E. Any person who refuses to sign an agreement to pay his pro-rata share of the special assessment for new construction of said sewer or water extensions prior to said construction or any other person who shall refuse to sign such an agreement at a later date to pay his pro-rata share of the special assessment, shall be prohibited from joining in any new sewer or water extensions in the City of Rochester without paying his or their pro-rata share of the special assessment, as the case may be, for the construction of said sewer or water extensions in the City of Rochester.

3. That Division F, Section 9, Chapter XIII, 1952 City of Rochester Ordinances, entitled "Highways," as amended, be further amended by striking out said Division F and substituting therefor the following:

F. The pro-rata share of each person shall be determined by dividing the total cost of construction of said sewer or water extensions plus any necessary interest to be incurred in financing of said sewer or water construction by the number of lots as laid out on said plan or map in order to determine each person's pro-rata share of the special assessment.

4. That Division G, Section 9, Chapter XIII, 1952 City of Rochester Ordinances, entitled "Highways," as amended, be further amended by striking out said Division G and substituting therefor the following:

G. The funds received from the collection of such special sewer or water assessments shall be kept as separate and distinct funds and shall be known by their respective names as "The Sewer or Water Funds," as the case may be. Any surplus in any such fund or funds may be used for the enlargement or replacement of said sewer or water extensions but shall not be used for the extension of said sewer or water to serve unsewered or unwatered areas or for any purpose other than for cost of construction, payment of interest on any debt incurred, maintenance, operation, and repairs to any said newly constructed sewer or water extensions.

5. A copy of this amendment to said ordinance shall be recorded in the Strafford County Registry of Deeds under the title of "City of Rochester Sewer or Water Liens" and any other indexing as the Register of Deeds may deem appropriate.

6. Any lien created by this amendment or by said original ordinance or other prior amendment thereto shall also be deemed

to be in the form of a tax lien, and any default thereon shall also be collectible by an action in debt, or other appropriate action, and said lien shall also have the full force and effect of a real estate attachment, as well as a tax lien.

7. This amendment shall take effect upon its passage and no petition shall be considered without complete compliance with said chapter and all amendments thereto.

Passed February 1, 1955.

#### AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES RELATING TO CITY OFFICERS.

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* 1. That Section 2, Chapter XXVI, City of Rochester Ordinances, 1952 edition, entitled "Election of City Officers," be amended by striking out Section 2 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

Section 2. The City Council shall annually at its regular November meeting or at an adjourned meeting thereof, fill by ballot and majority vote, such of the following positions as shall become vacant on December 1st following: the positions of Assistant Marshal, Sergeant, and not more than ten regular Patrolmen. Inexperienced men shall be elected for a one-year probationary term. Election of experienced officers, Assistant Marshal, Sergeant, and Patrolmen, may be for a one-two-or three-year term as the Council shall determine. One or more extra Patrolmen may be elected or re-elected at the discretion of the Council for one-year terms. Special elections may be held at any regular meeting of the Council or at a special meeting, called for the purpose, to fill for the balance of the year any vacancy which might occur at any other time. The City Marshal shall be elected for a term of two years but may be removed from office upon the filing of charges, in writing, against him with the Mayor and members of the Police Committee and public hearing upon said charges before a regular or specially called meeting of the Council, at least five days' notice having been given the City Marshal prior to said hearing, and then only by affirmative vote of twelve members of the said Council.

Passed February 1, 1955.

#### RESOLUTION ON ENFIELD BOX CO., INC. SUCCESSOR

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the execution and delivery of a release by the Board of Assessors of the City of Rochester to Fairfax Company, Inc., successor to Enfield Box Company, Inc., in the amount of \$386.73, is hereby ratified and approved.

Passed March 1, 1955.

#### AMENDMENT TO SALARIES' ORDINANCE

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* 1. That Chapter XXV, Section 2, Sub-section D,

of the General Ordinances, 1952, be amended by deleting therefrom Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 and substituting therefor the following:

"D. Payable from the Fire Department:

1. Chief of the Fire Department, \$78.00 per week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay.
2. The permanent Deputy Chief at the Central Station, \$62.40 per week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay.
3. The permanent Captain at the Central Station, \$60.19 per week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay.
4. The permanent Firemen at the Central Station with over three repeat years of appointed regular service shall be classified as Fireman First Class and shall receive as basic pay \$55.00 per week. Permanent Firemen with less than three repeat years of appointed regular service shall be classified as regular Firemen and receive as basic pay \$53.28 per week. They shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay.

Provided, however, that all officers in this Sub-paragraph

(D) (1)-(4) inclusive, above shall be entitled to an additional allowance of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per year for the purchase of uniforms and equipment. The Chief shall supervise said expenditures and shall maintain a record for all uniforms and equipment. Said uniforms and equipment shall remain the property of the City of Rochester and shall be returned to the City of Rochester upon termination of employment of any officer as a regular officer in this Sub-paragraph (D) (1)-(4) inclusive. At the end of each fiscal year, any unexpended portion of said allowance shall be returned to the City Clerk by the Chief."

Passed March 1, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION ON 1955 BUDGET

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the sum of \$899,724.00 be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the City of Rochester for the ensuing year in accord with the budget herein adopted, and

That the sum of \$709,724.00 plus such overlay as may be necessary is hereby ordered and directed to be raised by taxation, on the polls and rateable estates within the said City.

Passed March 1, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That two dollars (\$2.00) per week be added to the

pay of all the regular full-time employees of the Public Works Department, of all of the regular full-time employees of the Fire Department, of all of the regular full-time employees of the Police Department, and of all of the full-time employees in City Hall; and that one dollar (\$1.00) per week be added to the pay of the following part-time employees: Overseer of the Poor, Sanitary Officer, each Assessor of Taxes, City Solicitor, City Physician, Clerk of the Police Department, Janitors at the East Rochester and Gonic Halls, and the Sealer of Weights and Measures. This is to in no way affect the hourly or weekly rate and is to become effective upon the acceptance of the budget, and is to run to December 31, 1955. The money for the payment of this shall be taken from the account called "Revenue Surplus," providing the surplus is sufficient in the best judgment of the Finance Committee and in the best interest of the City of Rochester.

Passed Mach 1, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION ON PARKING LOT

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Parking Area Committee be authorized and directed to investigate the possibility of developing a Parking Lot on the westerly side of Congress St. from the P. of H. building westerly to include the Willey property, the Beaudoin property, the Snow property and the Preston property. A report to be brought in at the next Council Meeting.

Passed April 5, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBILITIES OF ACQUIRING BOSTON AND MAINE LAND FOR IMPROVED HIGHWAYS

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of acquiring Boston and Maine land in the City proper for the purpose of improved highways.

The committee shall consist of not more than six members with at least two members from the Council.

Passed April 5, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO PERAMBULATE THE TOWN LINES

Whereas Chapter 69, Section 6, of the Public Laws of the State of New Hampshire provides that the lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every seven years, by the selectmen of the town, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint

for that purpose, and whereas the town lines between the City of Rochester and the adjoining towns were last perambulated and the marks and bounds renewed, as by statute provided, in 1948.

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the Mayor authorize a person or persons to act as a Committee to perambulate the said town lines, to notify the selectmen of the adjoining towns, and to make return of said perambulation as by statute provided, and they are hereby directed to complete said perambulation and make return thereof before December 31, of this year.

Passed April 5, 1955.

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### RESOLUTION TO DEED PROPERTY

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester as follows:* 1. That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sell and convey to the Rochester Development Corporation a portion of the City land situate on the Westerly side of the Old Dover Road, in said Rochester, for the sole and exclusive purpose of developing, constructing and maintaining an Industrial Park. This tract of land is shown on a plan entitled, "Land in Rochester, N. H., Boston & Maine Railroad to City of Rochester, scale 1"=200', dated November 1926", under the following terms and conditions:

A. That the Rochester Development Corporation shall accept a warranty deed of the above described premises;

B. That the Rochester Development Corporation shall begin actual construction of an industrial building upon the above described land within one (1) year from the date that said warranty deed shall have been duly executed and acknowledged by the City of Rochester;

C. That the Rochester Development Corporation shall provide adequate workmen's compensation, fire, extended coverage, public liability and property damage insurance, all of which said policies shall indemnify and hold the City of Rochester harmless from any and all loss and/or injury to persons and/or property.

That the City of Rochester shall reserve the right to construct, maintain, repair, rebuild and reconstruct to any and all water and/or sewer pipes and lines as now laid out on said premises, or as may hereafter be constructed on said premises, together with the further right to install and extend additional pipe lines as the present and future demands of the City may require.

If any of the conditions of sub-sections A. B. or C. of said Section 1 above are not fully complied with by said Rochester Development Corporation, said land shall revert to said City of Rochester with any and all buildings or improvements on said land.

Said deed shall not be assigned to any person by said Rochester Development Corporation without the written consent of the Mayor and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council.

Passed May 17, 1955.

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#### AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SALARIES

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:*

1. That Chapter XXV of the 1952 General Ordinances, as amended, be further amended as follows:

a. By striking out all of sub-section 3 of sub-section C. or Section 2 and inserting in the place thereof the following new section:

"3. Sergeant, \$60.19 per week for an eight (8) hour day, six (6) day week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay."

b. By striking out all of the second paragraph of said Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:

"Provided, however, that the Assistant Marshal, the Sergeant, and each Patrolman shall be entitled to added compensation over and above his regular weekly salary for his regular weekly tour computed on an eight (8) hour day, six (6) day week when their services are required beyond their weekly tour at the rate of \$1.27 per hour for the Assistant Marshal, the rate of \$1.25 per hour for the Sergeant, and the proportionate rate per hour for each class of Patrolmen; and"

2. That the above rate of pay for the Sergeant shall be retroactive to March 1, 1955.

Passed June 7, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF CONGRESS STREET LAND FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PARKING AREA

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Special Committee on Parking be and hereby is authorized to negotiate for the purchase of real estate on the Westerly side of Congress Street in said Rochester, for the purpose of acquiring land for a municipal public parking area, with Lawrence and Mahala Willey, Raymond Beaudoin and Howell F. Preston.

Said Committee shall make a written report of its negotiations at are next regular meeting of the City Council.

Passed June 7, 1955.

## RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUMPER

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* 1. That the Fire and Purchasing Committees be and are hereby authorized to purchase a tanker and hose for the Fire Department for a sum not to exceed \$1,400.00.

2. That the Police and Purchasing Committees be and are hereby authorized to purchase a Police Cruiser for a sum not to exceed \$900.00.

3. That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow said sums upon such terms as deemed most advantageous to the City of Rochester.

Passed June 7, 1955.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND EXECUTE  
QUITCLAIM DEED

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* Whereas, the Tax Collector, of the City of Rochester, after due notice and advertisement, has sold to the City of Rochester the land and buildings situate on the Easterly side of the Salmon Falls Road, taxable to the heirs of Samuel E. Shapleigh; and

Whereas, said taxes, plus interest penalties and costs have now been paid in full; and

Whereas, said taxes cover the years 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to give a quitclaim deed to the purchaser of said Shapleigh property, to remove cloud on title thereon.

Passed June 7, 1955.

## RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* 1. That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding seven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$7,900.00) upon such terms as they may deem to be for the best interest of the City, for the purchase of a new Rubbish Truck and Packer Body for the Public Works Department and

2. That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) upon such terms as they may deem to be for the best interest of the City, for the purchase of three new dump trucks for the Public Works Department and

That the said equipment be purchased by a joint committee composed of the Public Works and Purchasing Committees.

Passed July 5, 1955.

RESOLUTION TO PAY CITY SHARE OF GONIC BRIDGE  
REPAIRS BY APPORTIONMENT

*Be it resolved by the Chairman of the City Council and the Rochester City Council* that the sum of \$3,766.70 be and is hereby appropriated as the City's Share, balance due State of New Hampshire on the Gonic Bridge Job. Said sum shall be raised by the Finance Committee by means most advantageous to the City, and said sum shall be added to the present bridge debt and shall be paid said State in instalments with said bridge debt payments due said State.

Passed July 5, 1955.

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AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES RELATIVE  
TO SALARIES

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That Chapter XXV of the 1952 General Ordinances, Section 2, Paragraph C. Sub-sections 1 and 2, be amended by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following sub-sections:

- "1. City Marshal \$78.00 per week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay.
2. Assistant Marshal, \$62.40 per week. He shall be granted one week's vacation each year with pay."

Passed August 2, 1955.

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## RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AMBULANCE

*Be it resolved by the Chairman and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the sum not to exceed Four Thousand (\$4,000.) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a new police ambulance under the direction of the Police Committee of the Council, and the Finance Committee. Said sum shall be raised by the Finance Committee by means most advantageous to said City.

Passed August 2, 1955.

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RESOLUTION TO PAY STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BALANCE DUE ON GONIC BRIDGE JOB.

*Be it resolved by the Chairman of the City Council and the Rochester City Council as follows:* That the Resolution relating to the payment of the Gonic Bridge job passed by roll call vote of this body July 5, 1955 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"That the sum of \$3,766.70 be and is hereby appropriated as the City's final share of balance due the State of New

Hampshire on the Gonic Bridge Job. Said sum shall be raised by the Finance Committee by means deemed most advantageous to the City and shall be paid forthwith by the City to the State. Said sum shall be added to the City Bridge debt and shall be repaid by the City in instalments."

Passed August 2, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO BORROW MONEY IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Finance Committee be authorized to hire in anticipation of taxes, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Said sum to be hired on notes of the City at such time as the best interest of the City requires.

Passed August 2, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AIR COMPRESSOR

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900.00), upon such terms as they may deem to be for the best interest of the City, for the purchase of an Air Compressor for the Public Works Department.

That the said equipment be purchased by a joint committee composed of the Public Works and Purchasing Committees.

Passed August 2, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2900.00) upon such terms as they may deem to be for the best interest of the City, for the purchase of a new light truck for the Public Works Department and a small power roller for the Public Works Department and

That the said equipment be purchased by a joint committee composed of the Public Works and Purchasing Committees.

Passed September 6, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM ON EXTENSION OF PARI-MUTUEL HORSE RACING

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:*

That there shall be a referendum by placing the following

question on the ballot at the next regular annual City Election to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 1955:

YES

NO

☐ "Shall pari-mutuel horse racing be extended in Rochester?" ☐

Passed October 4, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION ON TIME POLLS OPEN AND CLOSE

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That on Tuesday, December 6, 1955, at the City Election, the polling places in all six wards of the City of Rochester shall be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and shall close at 6 o'clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time.

Passed October 4, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE BOSTON & MAINE PROPERTY BETWEEN AUTUMN STREET AND PORTLAND STREET

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That a sum not to exceed twenty thousand (\$20,000.) dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of property between Autumn Street and Portland Street at the foot of Autumn, Hanson and Portland Streets from the Boston and Maine Railroad for parking lots, subject to the approval of the Parking Lot Committee; said sum to be raised by the Finance Committee by means deemed most advantageous to the City of Rochester.

Passed November 9, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION FOR EXPENSES BY COUNCILMEN

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* ..

That a sum not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars shall be paid to each elected Councilman for the year 1955, to apply against the expenses incurred by them in serving as Councilmen for the City of Rochester for the year 1955.

Passed December 8, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON CONGRESS STREET FOR PARKING LOTS

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the purchase of property on Congress Street to be used for parking lots, subject to the approval of the

Parking Lot Committee; said sum to be raised by the Finance Committee by means deemed most advantageous to the City.

Passed December 8, 1955.

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#### AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKING ON CONGRESS STREET

*Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester as follows:*

That Section 23, of Chapter XVI, be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"No vehicle shall be parked or left standing within the City of Rochester upon the following portions of streets: south-erly side of Bridge Street between River Street and North Main Street; easterly side of Congress Street from Central Square to Arrow Street; easterly side of Congress Street from Arrow Street to Charles Street; southeasterly side of Liberty Street between a point fifty feet westerly from South Main Street and South Main Street and between a point fifty feet easterly from Charles Street and Charles Street; northwesterly side of Liberty Street between South Main Street and Charles Street; Hanson Street on the northerly side between a point fifty feet easterly from Central Square and Central Square; Sturtevant Court; Linscott Court; Factory Court; on the south-westerly side of Central Avenue between Hanson Street and Portland Street; on the easterly side of Main Street, Gonic, adjacent to the property of St. Leo's Parish, a distance of one hundred and eight feet; nor within ten feet of any fire hydrant. No vehicle shall be parked or left standing within the City of Rochester for more than fifteen minutes on the westerly side of Congress Street from Central Square to Arrow Street. Park-ing meters to be installed on Congress Street on right hand side to Arrow Street."

Passed December 8, 1955.

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#### RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER BALANCES IF NECESSARY TO CLOSE BOOKS FOR 1955.

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council:*

That if found necessary in closing the accounts of the year to transfer from a Department where there is a balance to a Department where there is a deficit, the Committee on Fi-nance be authorized to make such transfer.

Passed December 8, 1955.

## RESOLUTION FOR WEEKLY WAGE BONUS

*Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:* That the weekly wage or salary of each full-time employee of the City, with the exception of the City Marshal of the Police Department, the Chief of the Fire Department, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the City Engineer in the Public Works Department, but including the Sanitary Officer, be and is hereby increased by adding to the sum to which he is entitled under the 1952 General Ordinances, or existing pay schedules, the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per week for the year 1956; and

That the weekly salaries of the City Marshal of the Police Department and the Chief of the Fire Department shall each be and is hereby increased by adding to the sum to which they are entitled under the 1952 General Ordinances, the amount of seven dollars (\$7.00) per week for the year 1956, and

That the weekly salary of the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby increased by adding to the sum to which they are entitled under the 1952 General Ordinances, the amount of six dollars (\$6.00) per week, \$3.50 of the above sum to be chargeable to the Highway Division and \$2.50 per week to be chargeable to the Water Division of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1956.

Passed December 8, 1955.

# ASSESSOR'S INVENTORY

Land and buildings .....		\$11,767,060.00
Electric Plants .....	1	610,000.00
Horses .....	72	7,150.00
Cows .....	716	71,600.00
Other neat stock .....	92	4,600.00
Sheep and goats .....	107	1,070.00
Fowl .....	8,328	7,021.00
Hogs .....	18	180.00
Fur bearing animals .....	73	2,190.00
Boats and launches .....	11	110.00
Portable mills .....	2	1,000.00
Wood, lumber, etc. ....		41,555.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks .....		20,075.00
Stock in trade .....		2,405,513.00
Mills and machinery .....		1,794,008.00
Dragline .....	1	500.00
		<u>\$16,733,632.00</u>
Polls .....	5,882	11,764.00
National bank stock taxes .....		1,017.90
Amount of taxes to be committed to collector, including poll taxes and national bank taxes .....		711,159.67
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers .....		861,410.00
Tax rate for the year 1955 .....		44.00

ALBERT R. CHALMERS,  
LOUIS M. BOSTON,  
GEORGE J. POTVIN,  
Assessors

# ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council*

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith are the reports of the financial condition of the City of Rochester, General Fund, and the Rochester Water Works on December 31, 1955. The exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of this report.

The Funded Debt on December 31, 1955 is \$830,252.70. A decrease of \$2,663.00 over last year which is accounted for as follows:

Issued:

General Fund .....	\$60,166.70
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Paid:

General Fund .....	\$47,830.00	
Water Bonds .....	15,000.00	62,830.00

Decrease .....	<u>\$ 2,663.30</u>
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The General Fund Budget Operations for the fiscal year 1955 show a balance of revenues over charges of \$23,391.92.

The General Fund Revenue Surplus Account on December 31, 1955 is \$39,229.60. The entries affecting this account during 1955 are as follows:

Balance - January 1, 1955

General Fund .....	\$48,358.01	
Federal Aid - Schools .....	13,581.96	
	<u>                    </u>	\$61,939.97

Add:

Taxes - Deeded Property ....	433.71	
Adjustment Timber Taxes .....	113.89	
Appropriation - Balance		
Sewer Construction .....	2,537.59	
Appropriation - Balance		
Equipment .....	1,609.16	
1955 Budget Surplus .....	23,391.92	
Federal Aid - Schools .....	13,789.84	41,876.11
	<u>                    </u>	
Total .....		\$103,816.08

Less:

Fire Settlement - Cooper	
Hall & Cooper .....	\$1,268.47
Fire Settlement-Paul B. Urion .....	681.63
Fees - Paul Urion .....	174.77
Taxes - Deeded Property ....	421.27
Council Chairman - S. Watson .....	148.11
Fire Pay Roll - Ralph Brock .....	6.00
Employees Bonus .....	7,312.00

Councilmen's Expense .....	1,900.00	
1955 Budget .....	27,592.27	
Federal Aid - Schools .....	25,081.96	\$64,586.48
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Balance - December 31, 1955		
General Fund .....	36,939.76	
Federal Aid - Schools .....	2,289.84	\$39,229.60
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The Rochester Water Works Revenue Surplus on December 31, 1955 is \$141,736.71. An increase of \$11,417.29 which is the net profit from operations for the year 1955.

In my opinion, the attached exhibits present the financial condition of the municipality on December 31, 1955, in conformity with generally accepted municipal accounting principles consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BERGERON

City Accountant

## Exhibit 1—General Fund

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

## ASSETS

## Current Assets:

## Cash, General Funds:

In Bank .....	\$8,178.66
In hands of City Clerk .....	9,103.60
In hands of Tax Collector .....	100.00

## Accounts Receivable:

Job Work .....	1,648.31
Special Sewer Fund .....	21,524.64
Tax Liens .....	1,798.15
Taxes, 1955, uncollected .....	45,892.87
Timber Taxes, uncollected .....	1,546.53
Head Taxes, 1955, uncollected .....	7,778.09
Materials, Inventory as at December 31, 1955 .....	1,584.22
Deferred Charges .....	3,156.81

Total Assets .....	<u>\$102,311.79</u>
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## LIABILITIES

## Current Liabilities:

## Accounts Payable:

General Obligations .....	\$20,337.91
State of New Hampshire, Head Tax .....	10,005.00
Special Appropriations, Unexpended Balances .....	5,552.65
Notes Payable, Sewer Fund .....	16,000.00

## Deferred Credits:

Departmental Credits, pending Collection .....	1,648.31
Special Fund Balances .....	2,577.31

## Reserves:

Tax Abatements .....	3,729.72
Veterans, World War II, Burial Lot .....	1,673.50
Future Timber Tax Loss .....	1,557.79
Revenue Surplus .....	39,229.60

Total Liabilities .....	<u>\$102,311.79</u>
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## Exhibit 2—Capital Fund

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

### ASSETS

Real Estate:

Land and Buildings .....	\$1,439,769.61	
Personal Property .....	510,387.22	
Future Taxation to Retire Debt ....	256,750.00	
Municipal Investment in Water Works .....	356,393.69	
Trust Funds (see Exhibit 7) .....	70,885.25	
Total .....		<u>\$2,634,185.77</u>

### LIABILITIES

Funded Debt:

Bonds:

Water Construction .....	635,000.00
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Notes:

Special Sewer Fund .....	16,000.00
Sewer Construction .....	26,100.00
Municipal Garage .....	3,000.00
General Equipment .....	83,136.00
Isinglass River Bridge .....	7,000.00
Highway Construction .....	16,000.00
Gonic River Bridge ....	9,016.70
Storm Damage, 1954 .....	15,000.00
Parking Lot - Congress St. ....	20,000.00

Trust Funds: (see Exhibit 7)

Principal .....	\$68,637.38	
Income, unexpended ..	2,247.87	70,885.25
Capital Surplus .....		<u>1,733,047.82</u>

Total .....		<u>\$2,634,185.77</u>
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## Exhibit 3—Comparative Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Revenues	Estimate	Actual	Estimate Short	Estimate Over
Tax Levy .....	\$709,724.00	\$717,352.96		\$ 7,628.96
Auto Permits ....	53,500.00	61,864.88		8,364.88
Schools .....	28,000.00	23,912.41	4,087.59	
Rent of Equip. ....	1,500.00	411.25	1,088.75	
State of N. H. ....	57,000.00	60,138.30		3,138.30
Revenue Surplus ..	27,592.27	27,592.27		
Parking Meters ....	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Miscellaneous .....	25,000.00	19,571.99	5,428.01	
	<u>\$907,316.27</u>	<u>\$915,844.06</u>	<u>\$10,604.35</u>	<u>\$19,132.14</u>
Actual Income over estimates .....	8,527.79		8,527.79	
Totals .....	<u>\$915,844.06</u>	<u>\$915,844.06</u>	<u>\$19,132.14</u>	<u>\$19,132.14</u>

### EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Total Expenses	Appropriation Deficit	Balance
Administration:				
Salaries	\$27,900.00	\$28,449.18	549.18	
General	4,350.00	4,419.01	69.01	
Elections and Registrations	1,150.00	1,456.70	306.70	
Public Buildings:				
Janitors	5,700.00	5,681.95		18.05
Fuel	3,300.00	3,563.51	263.51	
Lighting	1,200.00	1,168.48		31.52
Insurance	2,600.00	2,857.54	257.54	
Other Supplies & Expenses	900.00	1,365.25	465.25	
Schools	398,500.00	398,440.44		59.56
Public Library	16,000.00	16,000.00		
East Rochester Library	600.00	600.00		
Police	43,500.00	42,746.82		753.18
Municipal Court	2,280.00	2,280.00		
Fire	64,500.00	64,263.99		236.01
Health:				
Salaries	3,071.00	3,073.95	2.95	

## Public Welfare:

Administration	2,600.00	2,464.69		135.31
Direct Relief	23,400.00	21,916.02		1,483.98
Old Age				
Assistance	18,800.00	18,103.01		696.99
Debt Retirement	45,830.00	45,830.00		
Interest	6,160.00	6,133.25		26.75
Street Lighting	23,500.00	27,542.44	4,042.44	
Traffic Lights	400.00	420.00	20.00	
County Tax	61,725.27	61,725.27		
Legal Adjustments	100.00	61.33		38.67
Employees'				
Retirement	7,500.00	7,194.54		305.46
Building Inspection	2,500.00	2,418.22		81.78

## Highways:

Commissioner's				
Salary	2,682.00	2,670.13		11.87
Maintenance Pay				
Rolls	35,000.00	31,466.57		3,533.43
Street Cleaning	9,000.00	8,659.43		340.57
Snow Removal				
& Sanding	17,100.00	14,544.89		2,555.11
Road Materials	10,000.00	9,864.37		135.63
Gas, Oil & Tires	6,000.00	5,995.88		4.12
Repairs to				
Equipment	8,000.00	7,136.95		863.05
Surface Drains &				
Culverts	3,000.00	3,064.71	64.71	
Sidewalk Repairs	200.00	19.63		180.37
Bridge Repairs	500.00	177.13		322.87
Cutting Bushes	2,000.00	1,632.16		367.84
Town Road Aid:				
App. "A"	1,481.00	1,481.11	.11	
App. "B"	6,130.00	0.00		6,130.00
Power & Light	400.00	424.08	24.08	
Fuel	1,500.00	1,535.87	35.87	
Insurance	2,500.00	2,475.73		24.27
Telephones	437.00	344.04		92.96
Other Supplies &				
Expenses	2,000.00	2,580.17	580.17	
Sidewalk				
Construction	1,000.00	859.86		140.14
Rubbish	19,000.00	18,944.92		55.08
Sewer Main-				
tenance	4,070.00	1,297.37		2,772.63
Shade Trees, Parks				
& Commons	5,000.00	4,930.55		69.45
District Nurse				
Association	900.00	900.00		
Public Band Concerts	600.00	600.00		
Civil Defense	100.00	21.00		79.00
Memorial & Veterans				
Days	450.00	450.00		

Christmas Decora- tions	200.00	200.00		
	<u>\$907,316.27</u>	<u>\$892,452.14</u>	<u>\$ 6,681.52</u>	<u>\$21,545.65</u>
Budget in excess of Expenses		14,864.13	14,864.13	
Totals	<u>\$907,316.27</u>	<u>\$907,316.27</u>	<u>\$21,545.65</u>	<u>\$21,545.65</u>

## SUMMARY

Actual Income over estimates	\$ 8,527.79
Budget over actual expenses	<u>14,864.13</u>
1955 Surplus to Revenue Surplus Account	<u><u>\$23,391.92</u></u>

## Exhibit 4—Real Estate and Personal Property

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total
City Hall	\$ 139,911.49	\$ 11,190.06	\$ 151,101.55
Fire Stations:			
Central Station	20,000.00	113,959.57	133,959.57
East Rochester Station	6,000.00		6,000.00
Tiger Engine House	4,000.00		4,000.00
Public Library	57,000.00	18,691.98	75,691.98
Police Department		15,535.01	15,535.01
Parking Meters		13,430.03	13,430.03
Hot Top Plant	500.00		500.00
Municipal Garage	46,164.57	169,923.05	216,087.62
Schools:			
Spaulding High	875,000.00	136,180.36	1,011,180.36
Maple Street	70,000.00	7,062.24	77,062.24
Allen	25,000.00	4,724.43	29,724.43
School Street	20,000.00	4,494.51	24,494.51
Gonic	20,000.00	4,484.73	24,484.73
East Rochester	12,000.00	4,639.32	16,639.32
Parks and Commons	102,336.20		102,336.20
Water Works	356,393.69*		356,393.69
Ward House, Ward Four	5,500.00		5,500.00
Bonney Lot, Farming- ton Road	500.00		500.00
City Dump Lot, Farm- ington Road	325.00		325.00
McDuffee Lot, Farm- ington Road	75.00		75.00
Dunlap Lot, Farming- ton Road	250.00		250.00
Gravel Pit, Charles Street	775.00		775.00
Hanson Lot, Salmon Falls Road	100.00		100.00
Ward House, Wentworth Street	1,500.00	254.13	1,754.13
American Legion Building	6,700.00		6,700.00
Garland Property, East Rochester	400.00		400.00
Sundry Real Estate, acquired by Tax Collector deeds	1,450.00		1,450.00
Materials Inventory		1,584.22	1,584.22
Sewerage Department Equipment		6,177.80	6,177.80
Ward House, Ward Two	900.00	69.00	969.00
Parking Lot Entrance	225.00		225.00
Salt Shed	3,557.35		3,557.35
Parking Lot, Congress St.	20,000.00		20,000.00
	<u>\$1,796,563.30</u>	<u>\$512,400.44</u>	<u>\$2,308,963.74</u>

\*This figure represents the capital contribution of the Municipality to the Water Works Division.

Exhibit 5—Funded Debt Outstanding

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

	Municipal Garage	Highway Const.	Isinglass Bridge	Gonic Bridge	Storm Damage	Sewer Const.	Congress Parking Lot	General Equipment	Total Budget	Sewer Fund*	Water Bonds	Total
1956	\$3,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,516.70	\$3,000.00	\$4,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$31,680.00	\$53,896.70	\$2,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$70,896.70
1957		9,500.00	2,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	23,976.00	44,526.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	61,526.00
1958			2,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	5,100.00	2,000.00	13,080.00	26,430.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	43,430.00
1959			1,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	7,200.00	17,250.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	34,250.00
1960				1,250.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	7,200.00	16,250.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	33,250.00
1961				1,250.00		2,800.00	2,000.00		6,050.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	23,050.00
1962				1,250.00		2,800.00	2,000.00		6,050.00	2,000.00	20,000.00	28,050.00
1963						2,800.00			4,800.00	2,000.00	20,000.00	26,800.00
1964							2,000.00		2,000.00		20,000.00	22,000.00
1965 on							2,000.00		2,000.00		485,000.00	487,000.00
	\$3,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$9,016.70	\$15,000.00	\$26,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$83,136.00	\$179,252.70	\$16,000.00	\$635,000.00	\$830,252.70

FUNDED DEBT ANALYSIS

	General	Sewer	Water	Total
Balance—January 1, 1955	\$164,916.00	\$18,000.00	\$650,000.00**	\$832,916.00
Issued	60,166.70			60,166.70
Paid				
Balance—December 31, 1955	\$225,082.70	\$18,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$893,082.70
	45,830.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	62,830.00
	\$179,252.70	\$16,000.00	\$635,000.00	\$830,252.70

\* Sewer Fund Notes are offset by Accounts Receivable

\*\* Water Bonds issued on a 30 year period

## Exhibit 6—Summary of Taxes Collected by Tax Collector

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

### 1954 PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

Balance, uncollected on January 1, 1955	\$48,097.86	
Cash in Collector's hands January 1, 1955	198.94	
Added List:		
Property	102.58	
Polls	534.00	
Interest on delinquent payments	834.38	
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Total charges to Tax Collector		\$49,767.76
Credits:		
Abatements—property	\$2,757.31	
Abatements—polls	878.00	
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		\$3,635.31
Bank Deposits by Tax Collector		46,132.45
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		\$49,767.76
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### 1955 PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

Committed by Assessors:		
Property	\$698,377.77	
Polls	11,764.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	1,017.90	
Added List:		
Property	6,416.38	
Polls	576.00	
Interest on delinquent payments	41.93	
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Total Charges to Collector		\$718,193.98
Credits:		
Abatements—Property	\$2,886.80	
Bank deposits by Tax Collector	669,314.31	
Cash in hands of Tax Collector	100.00	
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Total Credits		\$672,301.11
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Balance, uncollected on December 31, 1955		\$45,892.87
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## 1954 HEAD TAXES

Balance, uncollected January 1, 1954	\$7,485.50	
Cash in Collector's hands	339.00	
Added List	2,245.00	
Penalties	708.50	
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Total debits		\$10,778.00
Credits:		
Deposited in Bank	\$7,698.00	
Abatements	3,080.00	
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Total credits		\$10,778.00
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## 1955 HEAD TAXES

Committed by Assessors	\$35,870.00	
Added List	1,525.00	
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Total debits		\$37,395.00
Deposited in Bank		29,617.00
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Balance, uncollected on December 31, 1955		\$7,778.00
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# Exhibit 7—Trust Funds Account

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

Year of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
			Amount of Principal	Income on hand Jan. 1, 1955	Amount	Income Rec'd During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1874	Adams Fund (Seth Adams and Lewis Tibbetts)	Poor Widows, orphans and maiden ladies	\$12,800.00	\$360.49		\$320.00	\$315.00	\$365.49
1915	Abbott Cemetery Fund (Priscilla J. Abbott)	Care of family lot	300.00			7.50	7.50	
1921	Boothby Cemetery Fund (Edwin L. Shorey)	Care of Boothby burial lot	100.00			2.50	2.50	
1933	Brown Cemetery Fund (Mary A. Brown)	Care of Jenness Burial Ground	200.00	19.84		5.00	4.00	20.84
1913	Dore Cemetery Fund (Annie B. Dore)	Care of family burial lot	400.00			10.00	10.00	
1911	Estes Cemetery Fund (Elizabeth C. Estes)	Care of Donor's burial lot	200.00			5.00	5.00	
1900	Farrington Jennie Annex Fund (Jennie Farrington)	Books for the Public Library	1,000.00			25.00	25.00	
1933	Felker, Samuel D. Fund (Mary D. Felker)	Books for the Public Library	5,000.00			125.00	125.00	
1938	Greenfield, Charles and Aroline B. Fund (Sarah E. Young)	General Library purposes	5,000.00			125.00	125.00	
1941	Greenfield, John, Library Fund (Mary A. Greenfield)	Books for the Public Library	5,000.00			125.00	125.00	
1943	Hanscam, John, Trust (Etta R. Hanscam)	General Library purposes	5,000.00			125.00	125.00	

# PRINCIPAL

Year of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Amount of Principal	Income on hand Jan. 1, 1955	INCOME Rec'd During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1934	Hammett Cemetery Fund (Ephriam O. Hammett)	Care of lot in Rochester Cemetery	200.00	376.23	5.00	5.00	376.23
1934	Hammett Cemetery Fund (Ephriam O. Hammett)	Care of lot in Haven Hill Cemetery	50.00	76.05	1.26	1.26	76.05
1934	Hammett Cemetery Fund (Ephriam O. Hammett)	Care of John Clark Lot in Rochester Cemetery	25.00*	27.60	.72	.72	27.60
1916	Haven Hill Cemetery (Lewis W. Tibbetts)	Care of Haven Hill Cemetery	3,000.00		75.00	75.00	
1944	Hussey Rear Adm. Charles L. USN Per. Mem. Fund (F. H. Bickford)	Senior at Spaulding High School	3,000.00	37.50	75.00	75.00	37.50
1927	McDuffee, John, Fund (Abbie McDuffee Chase)	Books for the Public Library	5,000.00		125.00	125.00	
1902	Moore Cemetery Fund (John E. Moore)	Donor's and other lots in Gonie Cemetery	200.00		5.00	5.00	
1907	Morrill Cemetery Fund (Lizzie A. Morrill)	Care of Donor's burial lot	100.00		2.50	2.50	
1890	Old Cem. Conser. Fund, Perpetua, Charles A. C. Hanson Et Als.	Care of Old Cem. and Spec. Lots	6,600.00 39.37*		166.13	166.13	
1951	Pray, George A. and Hattie A. Fund (George A. Pray)	Needy widows and maiden ladies of fifty years and over	8,000.00** 243.01*	422.16	214.64	175.00	461.80
1934	Torr Cemetery Fund (Mrs. Charles C. Torr)	Care of Torr family burial grounds	100.00	3.29	2.50	2.50	3.29
1914	Trickey Cemetery Fund (Myra I. Ames)	Care of Cemetery on Chestnut Hill Road	150.00	37.77	3.74		41.51

# PRINCIPAL

## INCOME

Year of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Amount Of Principal	Income On Hand Jan. 1, 1956	Income Rec'd During Year	Income Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1940	Varney, Sarah L., Scholar- ship Fund	Rochester Women's Club Scholar- ship	5,000.00	62.50	125.00	125.00	62.50
1940	Varney, Sarah L., Library Fund	Books for the Public Library	1,000.00		25.00	25.00	
1934	Willand Cemetery Fund (Charles W. Willand)	Care of Willand lots on Chestnut Hill Road	200.00*	80.43	5.78	5.78	80.43
1916	Wingate Cemetery Fund (Lewis W. Tibbetts)	Care of Wingate Family Lot	200.00		5.00	5.00	
			<u>\$68,107.38</u>	<u>\$1,503.86</u>	<u>\$1,712.27</u>	<u>\$1,662.89</u>	<u>\$1,553.24</u>

## SPECIAL FUNDS

Old Town Farm Cemetery Fund	(Created from sale of lots. Both principal and interest can be used)		54.81	1.57		56.38
Old Cemetery Specific Emergency Fund	(Created from Income of Old Cemetery Conservation Fund)		686.11	40.48	100.00	626.59
Old Cemetery General Emergency Fund	(Created from Income of Old Cemetery Conservation Fund)		4.93			4.93
50th Reunion Fund	(Created by the Rochester High School Class of 1905)		541.75 ***	6.73		6.73
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			\$63,649.13	\$2,249.71	\$1,761.05	\$2,247.87

\* \$507.38 Savings Account—Rochester Trust Co.  
 \*\* 8,000.00 George and Hattie Pray Fund—U. S. Government Bonds  
 59,600.00 Common Trust—U. S. Government Bonds

\$68,107.38  
 \*\*\* 23 Shares of Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund costing \$525.38

## Exhibit 8—Rochester Water Works Division

### COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

#### ASSETS

Plant Assets:	1955	1954
Land	22,208.50	22,208.50
Structures	21,429.67	21,429.67
Water Supply Equipment	58,630.87	58,630.87
Pumping Station Equipment	2,457.24	2,457.24
Purification Equipment	10,676.16	10,676.16
Transmission Mains	648,891.45	115,073.39
Water Storage Equipment	16,488.13	16,488.13
Distribution Mains	477,069.67	467,629.65
Services	98,570.71	92,739.13
Hydrants	44,704.52	42,156.00
Meters	54,283.73	50,734.55
Shop and Garage Equipment	36,864.36	36,864.36
Office Equipment	900.45	900.45
Unfinished Construction		503,067.34
<b>Total Plant Assets</b>	<u>\$1,493,175.46</u>	<u>\$1,441,055.44</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash in Bank and on Hand	7,279.63	62,502.56
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		
Water	42,652.06	32,899.60
Sundry	3,414.37	3,040.35
Construction Fund	10,763.64	
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$56,830.07</u>	<u>\$35,939.95</u>
Less - Reserve for Delinquent Accounts	1,390.32	1,676.94
<b>Total Accounts Receivable, Net,</b>	<u>\$55,439.75</u>	<u>\$34,263.01</u>
Materials and Supplies Inventory	14,477.29	11,537.13
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$77,196.67</u>	<u>108,691.87</u>
<b>Prepaid Accounts:</b>		
Insurance	263.29	285.57
Taxes	114.08	103.60
<b>Total Prepaid Accounts</b>	<u>377.37</u>	<u>389.17</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$1,570,749.50</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,549,747.31</u></u>

## LIABILITIES

	1955	1954
Capital Liabilities:		
Funded Debt	<u>635,000.00</u>	<u>650,000.00</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	1,432.75	2,116.21
Accrued Liabilities:		
Interest	<u>2,645.83</u>	<u>2,708.26</u>
Reserves:		
Depreciation of Plant Assets	<u>389,369.87</u>	<u>374,515.45</u>
Water Main Construction	<u>10,465.16</u>	
Total Reserves	399,835.03	374,515.45
Capital Contributions:		
Municipality	356,393.69	356,393.69
In Aid of Construction	<u>33,705.49</u>	<u>33,694.28</u>
Total Capital Contributions	<u>390,099.18</u>	<u>390,087.97</u>
Surplus (Profit & Loss)	<u>141,736.71</u>	<u>130,319.42</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$1,570,749.50</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,549,747.31</u></u>

## Exhibit 9—Rochester Water Works Division

### COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

	1955	1954
Revenues:		
Commercial Sales	66,943.62	58,437.34
Industrial Sales	7,779.37	5,310.41
Hydrant Rentals	180.00	180.00
Merchandise Sales and Job Work	4,540.57	2,657.21
Other Income	<u>7,816.11</u>	<u>10,099.78</u>
Total Revenues	<u>87,259.67</u>	<u>76,684.74</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Water Supply Expenses:		
Superintendence	300.00	300.00
Water Supply Labor	2,708.47	3,459.84
Pumping Station Labor	1,728.26	1,965.06
Miscellaneous Labor	60.86	13.40
Pumping Station Supplies and Expenses	60.66	134.03

Purification Supplies and Expenses	1,032.26	1,004.20
Power Purchased	1,662.16	1,496.36
Total Water Supply Expenses	<u>7,552.67</u>	<u>8,372.89</u>
Distribution Expenses:	1955	1954
Superintendence	1,820.37	1,836.81
Engineering	4,212.46	4,213.46
Maintenance Labor	10,568.55	13,410.94
Meter Department Labor	1,146.76	757.87
Other Supplies and Expenses	331.52	533.23
Repairs to Mains	1,280.01	484.73
Repairs to Services	970.82	1,059.39
Repairs to Hydrants	1,169.53	833.92
Repairs to Meters	1,264.20	972.88
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>22,764.25</u>	<u>24,103.23</u>
Other Expenses:		
Salaries	2,600.00	2,600.00
Office and other General Expenses	971.40	937.35
Insurance	770.77	451.08
Shop	970.61	1,640.58
Garage	5,430.50	4,562.53
Taxes	445.84	398.77
Interest	16,000.07	12,127.50
Loss on Capital Assets Retired	56.69	31.35
Freight	194.34	325.96
Employees' Retirement	3,003.66	3,126.36
Total Other Expense	<u>30,443.88</u>	<u>26,201.48</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>60,760.80</u>	<u>58,677.60</u>
Gross Profit before Depreciation	26,498.87	18,007.14
Less - Depreciation	15,081.58	15,292.48
Net Profit to Surplus	<u>11,417.29</u>	<u>2,714.66</u>

## COMPARATIVE SURPLUS ANALYSIS

(Profit and Loss)

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955

	1955	1954	Increase
Balance as at January 1,	\$130,319.42	\$127,604.76	\$ 2,714.66
Add - Net Profit from operations	<u>11,417.29</u>	<u>2,714.66</u>	<u>8,702.63</u>
Balance as at December 31	<u>\$141,736.71</u>	<u>\$130,319.42</u>	<u>\$11,417.29</u>

# REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of  
Rochester, N. H.:*

I submit for your consideration, the report of the Public Works Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

As usual, during the first two months of the year, a good part of the time was spent in taking care of our roads and streets by Salting, Sanding and Snow Removal after each storm. Also, we did considerable patching as the weather permitted. In the Spring 3,416 Cubic Yards of gravel was hauled to Lowell Street preparatory to tarring and generally improving this road. A section of the Tibbetts Road was straightened and prepared for tar. Both the Tibbetts Road and the improved sections of Lowell Street were tarred. Several times during the year, regular duties were interrupted to allow the trucks and men to patch streets and roads. In the early Fall we mixed and stockpiled a goodly amount of patch material in our yard to have it ready as needed without making it necessary to start the Hot Top Plant. This stockpile of patch material lasted until December 15th.

Our Shade Trees were sprayed during the first part of July as has been the custom for many years.

Our Catch Basins were cleaned in the Spring and again in the Fall and several new Culverts were installed where required.

A section of sidewalk was laid on Portland Street using Hot Top. Later in the season a sidewalk roller was purchased and sidewalks were laid on Granite Street and on a section of Walnut Street using this same material. Cool weather late in the Fall forced curtailment of the building of asphalt sidewalks.

Throughout the year, gravel was hauled for use on various road projects and for cover for our dump, as well as sand to cover freshly tarred streets and roads. This amounted to 28,398 Cubic Yards of Sand and Gravel hauled.

A new and larger Rubbish Truck, three Dump Trucks, one Compressor, a Sidewalk Plow, a Sidewalk Roller and a Steam Cleaner, for cleaning the Rubbish Truck and equipment, were purchased in the Fall to provide faster and more dependable service.

Usual preparations were made for Winter including the erection of snow fences, the purchase of five hundred feet additional snow fence, stockpiling sand, and a stock of Salt was put in our Salt Shed.

In the Water Division, the year 1955 saw the completion of laying the pipe which was the last of the expansion of our Water System. This was the laying of the 18 inch pipe line

from Charles Street to South Main Street over Liberty Street as well as from the junction of Charles and Liberty Streets to Congress Street.

This year was the largest year in the history of the Department so far as service installations were concerned. A total of 150 services were installed during the year as compared to the prior record of 123 services in 1950.

A new Gas Heater was installed in our Chlorinator building replacing an old Kerosene Heater in an effort to maintain an even heat to prevent the formation of Chlorine Ice in our machine.

Water Main Extensions were laid during the year as follows:

2,694 Ft. of 6" Cement Lined Cast Iron Pipe  
74 Ft. of 12" Cement Lined Cast Iron Pipe  
596 Ft. of 18" Cement Lined Cast Iron Pipe

Service Main Extensions were laid as follows:

36 Ft. of 1" Pipe  
252 Ft. of 1¼" Pipe  
575 Ft. of 1½" Pipe  
611 Ft. of 2" Pipe

The Sewer Division came in for its share of activity during the year. Several extensions were completed, in addition to house services, using the following pipe:

3,859 Ft. of 6" Johns-Manville Cement Asbestos Pipe  
140 Ft. of 8" Johns-Manville Cement Asbestos Pipe

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Mayor and members of the City Council for their assistance and to the employees of the Public Works Department for their loyalty and cooperation.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE C. NADEAU,

Commissioner

# REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL

*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:*

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report of the activities of the Rochester Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1955:

At the time of filing our report for the year 1954, there were pending and undisposed of from the year 1953, two cases. These two cases were disposed of in 1955.

There were also seven cases from 1954 that were continued into the year 1955, and three cases pending from the year 1954. Of these ten cases which were undisposed of in 1954, nine were disposed of during the year 1955, leaving only one case from the year 1954 which was not disposed of on December 31, 1955.

During the year 1955 we have had the following cases:

Criminal arrests .....	236
Motor Vehicle Arrests .....	168
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## THESE ARRESTS WERE MADE BY:

Rochester Police Department .....	334
State Police .....	51
Sheriff's Department .....	3
Motor Vehicle Department .....	5
Milton Police Department .....	9
Fish and Game Department .....	2
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## THESE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS:

Before the Court and sentenced .....	283
Released to other Departments .....	9
Nol Prossed .....	5
Dismissed .....	22
Found Not Guilty .....	4
Dropped .....	1
Released without trial .....	1
Released after safekeeping .....	74
Pending .....	4
Placed on file .....	1
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	404

Buildings checked and found unlocked .....	184
Traffic Investigations .....	196
D. E. Tags issued .....	1
Animals killed .....	50

Accidents Reported at Station .....	206
Warnings given .....	29
Complaints answered .....	1281
Aids to other departments .....	519
Lodgers .....	327
Calls for Ambulance .....	111
Personal Injuries, automobile .....	128
Reports of animals killed or hit .....	65
Bicycles registered .....	17
Aids to Individuals .....	829
Pay Roll and Store escorts .....	174
Traffic Details .....	112
Reports of Street and Traffic Lights out .....	544
Juveniles .....	7
Panhandling .....	2
Held for safekeeping .....	6
Picked up for questioning .....	40
Juveniles picked up for questioning .....	16
Keys taken .....	21
Money received from parking fines .....	\$ 526.25
Money received from parking meters .....	14,772.46

The amount of money that has been received from Court fines and fees may be found in the annual report which is submitted by the Clerk of the Municipal Court.

I would like at this time to express my sincere appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, the members of the Police Committee and the City Council for their confidence in me and the very fine cooperation and assistance rendered to me during th past year.

I also wish to extend my thanks to the other members of the Police Department for their loyalty and devotion to duty, and to the various other Municipal, County and State departments for their interest and assistance with the problems of this department during the year just ended.

Many of our neighboring cities and towns have recognized an increase in the amount of highway traffic during the past year, and a number of them are making plans to care for this increase, or have a plan already in operation to care for this increase in traffic. Our City is also confronted with the problem regarding this same situation, and although we have a plan in process of being developed in regard to additional parking space, I do believe that I should recommend that we install parking meters in the North Main Street Parking Lot and also meters in the Congress Street new Parking Lot, and that the City Hall Parking Lot be free parking. Parking meters have been installed in City Parking Lots in other communities and apparently operate successfully. I believe that this might be worthy of your study and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. LEVESQUE

City Marshal

# REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR

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*To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:*

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the fiscal year 1955.

Construction of the National Guard Armory on Brock Street was completed due to the prompt and effective continuing co-operation between the Mayor and Council and State officials.

A study of the existing Building Code and Zoning Ordinances was terminated by the absence of the Mayor and dissolution of the Committee.

Construction of the Spaulding Turnpike Toll Road was started by the State of New Hampshire due to agreement with, and co-operation of, the Mayor and Council.

Construction of the N. H. Route No. 125 by-pass in Gonic was substantially completed by the State of New Hampshire by co-ordination with the Mayor and Council.

The construction of the new Congress Street public parking lot became a certainty with the acquisition of necessary land for this purpose. All that remains to be done is to clear the site in order to make this public improvement a reality.

Proceedings were also concluded by reaching an agreement and necessary vote by the Mayor and Council to acquire and construct a second new public parking area at the foot of Hanson Street. All that remains to be done with this lot is the routine execution of necessary papers with the Boston & Maine Railroad.

The Mayor and Council also co-operated with the Greater Rochester Development Corporation in making available to said Corporation land for the development of an Industrial Park between the Old Dover Road and the Coheco River, and adjacent to the City Garage, between said Garage and the Humoresque. The consideration for this agreement was the construction of an industrial building by said Corporation within one year. It is regrettable that as present plans now stand, no building will be erected, and this land will revert to the City on June 21, 1956.

The foresight of the Mayor and City Council was largely responsible for the breaking of ground and construction of a new Municipal Swimming Pool at the Hanson Pines Municipal Recreation Area. Substantial progress was made on the construction of this pool due to the wholehearted co-operation between all City Officials.

The new water construction was wholly and entirely completed and in operation throughout the City. The year 1955

marks a milestone in the history of the City with the completion of this system which eliminated the need of any water ban during the summer months for the first time in many years.

As usual, all other legal questions which have arisen during the year have been disposed of without litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. URION

City Solicitor

# REPORT OF CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT

*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Rochester, N H.:*

I herewith submit a statement of the condition of the finances of the Rochester Municipal Court as of December 31, 1955.

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 0.00
Balance in checking account January 1, 1955 .....	3.08
Received from fines and fees .....	6,806.20
Received from sale of civil writs, entry fees .....	50.65
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	\$6,859.93

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to City Treasurer .....	\$2,200.00
Paid to Motor Vehicle Department .....	3,815.10
Paid to Fish and Game Commission .....	117.00
Paid to Unemployment Compensation Division .....	18.00
Witnesses and other fees .....	145.00
Printing, supplies and stenographic hire .....	101.44
Associate Justice .....	399.00
Bank charges .....	7.67
Bond premium .....	5.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1955 .....	45.48
Balance in checking account December 31, 1955 .....	6.24
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	\$6,859.93

## NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES

Complaints filed as follows:

Local Police Department .....	232	
State .....	57	
County .....	2	
Fish and Game .....	6	
Unemployment Compensation .....	1	
Milton .....	10	
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Civil cases .....	9	
Juvenile cases .....	25	
Small claims .....	134	
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Total number of cases .....		<hr/> 476

VICTOR CARDOSI,  
Clerk

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of Victor Cardosi, Clerk of Municipal Court of Rochester, for the year ending December 31, 1955, and I find them as set forth in the above statement with all payments to the Treasurer and otherwise properly receipted for, together with a cash balance on hand of \$45.48, and checking account balance of \$6.24.

LEONARD C. HARDWICK,  
Justice

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS  
AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Rochester, N. H.:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I have tested and sealed:

Scales .....	246
Gasoline Pumps .....	92
Grease Pumps .....	29
Liquid Measures .....	157
Cloth Measures .....	3
Yardsticks .....	7
Wood Carts .....	4

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD J. GRENIER,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

# REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester:*

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

There were 302 Alarms in the City of Rochester, which consisted of 73 Box Alarms, 229 Still Alarms, 13 Engineer's Calls, 8 Brush Fires, 11 Car Fires, 7 Out of Town Calls, 2 False Alarms in Rochester, 2 False Alarms in Gonic.

There were 26 Calls in East Rochester, 15 Calls in Gonic.

There were 5 Special Signals, 1 Polio Drive, 1 National Guard, 2 Permanent Men's Calls, 1 Air Raid.

Estimated Value of Buildings .....	\$412,100.00
Insurance on same .....	241,500.00
Insurance Paid .....	27,782.91
Estimated Value of Contents .....	120,627.21
Insurance on Same .....	72,400.00
Insurance Paid .....	16,202.63

There are 3 unsettled insurance claims.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, Members of the City Council; Committee on Fire Department; the Police Department; the Board of Deputies; and Members of the Department, and to all other persons who have rendered us help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH G. SEAVEY,  
Chief Engineer

# REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, N. H.:*

We hereby submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955:

Number of infectious or contagious diseases reported:

Mumps .....	35
Measles .....	631
Chickenpox .....	142
Scarlet Fever .....	3
Impetigo .....	3
Polio-myelitis .....	5
Whooping Cough .....	28
German measles .....	34
Tuberculosis .....	1

Clinics:

Well baby—42 attending	
Mental Hygiene—118 attending	
T. B. clinics—4 held during year	
Whole number of deaths excluding stillbirths for year	201
Number of stillbirths .....	20
Number of deaths from cancer .....	25
Number of deaths from cardio-renal and arterio-sclerosis diseases .....	109

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MOORS, M. D, City Physician  
FORREST L. KEAY, M. D., Overseer of Poor  
FRANK N. DOW, Health Officer

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# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, N. H.:*

The following shows the names and amounts of direct relief furnished each applicant by the City of Rochester, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Jos. Wm. Boisvert .....	\$49.00
Norman Boulet .....	30.44
Edmund Sylvain .....	24.00
Juliette Boggs .....	73.70
Wilfred Doyon .....	34.00
Joan Gray .....	22.82

Lucien Boucher .....	99.00
Alice Henry .....	35.80
Grace Garland .....	18.82
Leon Hodgdon .....	55.20
Merl Little .....	28.00
Lea Desrosier .....	352.50
Eva M. Coram .....	612.41
William Beaton .....	7.15
Claude Towle .....	24.00
Elemer Rennie .....	39.11
Francis Hanscom .....	30.00
Henry Letourneau .....	12.00
Armand Landry .....	28.00
Armand Potvin .....	18.00
Amaziah Irwin .....	183.50
Wm. H. Campbell Est. ....	52.98
Martha Couture .....	210.58
Harlene Tebbetts .....	156.18
Henry Crawford .....	745.00
Richard Dougherty .....	138.12
Francis Jarest .....	283.85
Dolan Downs .....	557.43
George Dunnells .....	413.74
Mrs. Lewis Lemelin .....	137.99
Allen Rowe .....	452.75
John King .....	220.00
Grace Eldridge .....	380.45
Chester Whitney .....	383.26
Leroy Jenness .....	196.14
Andrew McMann .....	173.95
Mrs. Harold Hayes .....	60.00
Rose LeClair .....	89.29
Walter Harriman .....	35.00
George Powell .....	81.50
Woodrow Towle .....	230.50
Minnie Malsbury .....	421.08
Howard Nichols .....	554.48
Louis F. Potvin .....	266.89
Llewellyn Robinson .....	214.35
Edmund Young .....	334.00

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Total amount for city relief ..... \$8,567.23

Board and care cases—children:

David Andrews .....	\$748.25
Carol and Linda Clement .....	840.00
Aloha and Gregory Morin .....	857.50
Lawrence Rennie .....	496.55
Gail Howe .....	115.53
Ralph and Lorraine Hayes .....	924.11
Geo. O'Brien .....	112.36
Rebecca Getchus .....	674.24
Diane Jarest .....	650.33
David Vinson .....	210.00

Edmund, Albion, Ralph and Arthur Hartford .....	1,735.34	
Joanne Gray .....	97.00	
Donna and Roland LeBrecque .....	420.00	
Norman Therrien .....	420.00	
Total amount board and care children .....		\$8,301.21
Board and Care—adults:		
Sumner Tilton .....	\$1,378.60	
John W. Hussey .....	371.18	
Luella May .....	146.78	
John Phinney .....	317.91	
Arnold McCrillis .....	28.00	
Total amount for board and care adults ..		\$2,242.47
Total amount for soldiers' aid .....		2,141.96
Office administration .....		2,598.70
Total amount written .....		\$23,851.57
Refunds on direct relief:		
Ruth Getchus .....	176.00	
Franklin LaBrecque .....	218.00	
Norma O'Brien .....	25.00	
Rita Howe .....	55.00	
Albion Hartford .....	510.00	
Mabel Abbott .....	10.00	
Allen Rowe .....	166.00	
Total refunds .....		\$1,160.00
Net amount for direct relief, board and care cases, soldiers' aid and adminis- tration .....		\$22,691.57
Amount of appropriation .....		\$26,000.00
Old Age Assistance (25% paid by City of Rochester) .....		16,297.81
Refunds on Old Age Assistance:		
Grace Carland .....	\$50.00	
Ida Hoyt .....	14.87	
Martha Hess .....	44.43	
Jennie Smith .....	80.45	
Fred Devoe .....	95.78	
Emily Trouve .....	165.78	
Helen Lamper .....	130.50	
George Lamper .....	101.72	
Catherine McQuade .....	61.61	
Mary Emerson .....	42.38	
Alice Demeritt .....	94.74	
Josephine Dearborn .....	106.66	
Total refunds .....		\$988.92
Net amount for Old Age Assistance .....		\$15,308.89
Appropriation for Old Age Assistance ....		\$18,800.00

Respectfully submitted,  
FORREST L. KEAY, M. D.,  
Overseer of Poor.

# REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the *Honorable Mayor and City Council*:

Messrs,—

I hereby submit a report of building construction for 1955.

	New Houses	Apartment-ments	Garages	Businesses	Misc.	Total
Jan.	6 \$ 29,700	1 \$1,000		2 \$ 3,400	1 \$ 7,000	10 \$ 41,100
Feb.	1 6,000	1 2,000			3 3,225	5 11,225
Mar.	16 86,200		1 900	2 6,000	5 3,700	24 96,800
Apr.	14 362,500		8 10,300	2 9,000	19 7,915	43 389,715
May	9 67,500		7 6,100	4 11,000	14 15,160	34 99,760
June	17 149,000		9 8,128		18 8,010	44 165,138
July	11 104,880		3 3,300	1 1,500	8 3,050	23 112,730
Aug.	10 103,750	1 2,500	4 3,800	3 12,090	12 7,200	30 129,340
Sept.	10 109,900		8 13,600	1 1,000	11 9,325	30 133,825
Oct.	10 96,000		7 8,130	2 4,100	2 1,950	21 110,180
Nov.	15 145,210		6 3,100		8 5,800	29 154,110
Dec.	5 40,000			2 4,000	3 2,925	10 46,925
<b>Total</b>	<b>124 \$1,300,640</b>	<b>3 \$5,500</b>	<b>53 \$57,358</b>	<b>19 \$52,090</b>	<b>104 \$75,260</b>	<b>303 \$1,490,848</b>

Respectfully submitted,

MILES H. DUSTIN,  
Building Inspector

# REPORT OF ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

*To the Honorable Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the  
Rochester Public Library:*

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending  
December 31, 1955.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to His Honor,  
the Mayor, to the Board of Trustees, and to the members of the  
Library Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

M. FELICE BARIL,

Librarian

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## TRUSTEES

JOHN SHAW, *ex-officio*

HAROLD E. COPELAND

ALBERT C. HERVEY

MRS. JOHN L. HARTIGAN

REGINALD G. HURD

LUCIEN PARADIS

SUMNER W. WATSON

Term expires 1955

Term expires 1955

Term expires 1956

Term expires 1956

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1957

## TREASURER

CHARLES F. McCAULEY

## STAFF

LIBRARIAN

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

ASSISTANTS

MAUDE B. PLACE

ELEANOR T. SMITH

ANNETTE E. HAMEL (duties concluded August 20, 1955)

MURIEL A. LINCOLN (replacing Annette E. Hamel)

PHYLLIS J. MACKAY, substitute

M. FELICE BARIL

BERNICE E. TORR

## LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays through Thursdays,

Fridays,

Saturdays,

2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

2 P.M. to 9 P.M.

2 P.M. to 6 P.M.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Population served .....	13,776
Number of days open during the year .....	303

## BOOKS

Volumes in the library January 1, 1955 .....	56,624
Acquired during 1955:	
By purchase .....	978
By binding .....	31
By gift .....	45
	57,678
Withdrawn during 1955 .....	579
	57,099
Books in the library January 1, 1956 .....	57,678
Unaccessioned volumes in Franklin McDuffee room ....	1,836
Books donated by a patron, 1955 — circulated but not accessioned .....	321

## PERIODICALS

Magazines and Newspapers:	
Library subscriptions placed for 1955 .....	86
Gift and complimentary subscriptions .....	25

## REGISTRATION

Borrowers registered during the year:	
Main library, including out-of-town subscribers .....	481
Total numbers of borrowers January 1, 1956 .....	7,488

## CIRCULATION

From the main library:	
Adult .....	36,114
Children's .....	20,468
Total from the main library .....	56,582
Through East Rochester Agency .....	1,352
Through Gonic Agency .....	6,461
Total Circulation for the year .....	64,395
Circulation per capita .....	4.67

	Main Library	E. Rochester	Gonic	Total
Fiction .....	19,724	1,004	139	20,867
Juvenile .....	15,925	186	4,790	20,901
Biography .....	3,074	32	63	3,169
Periodicals .....	6,871	0	1,236	8,107
General Works .....	321	0	12	333
Philosophy .....	435	6	0	441
Religion .....	565	7	12	584
Sociology .....	1,246	17	52	1,315
Philology .....	139	1	0	140
Science .....	1,108	8	98	1,214
Useful Arts .....	1,592	14	24	1,630
Fine Arts .....	1,506	10	15	1,531
Literature .....	1,544	14	10	1,568
History .....	2,532	53	10	2,595
Total	56,582	1,352	6,461	64,395

## READERS

Number of readers and students counted:	
Adult	8,162
Children	3,709
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Total for year	11,871

## ROUTINE WORK

Number of books, periodicals and pamphlets charged for use in library	3,434
Number of volumes issued to teachers for school work	2,136
Number of volumes used by students for required reading	783
Number of volumes repaired at the library	8,704
Number of volumes rebound	31
Number of volumes selected and prepared for agencies	2,368
Number of volumes transferred to basement	86
Number of volumes borrowed from State Library	85
Periodicals and pamphlets filed	5,469
Reserve postals sent	1,336
Notices sent for overdue books	760

## PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1955	\$1,182.89
City of Rochester, New Hampshire, Appropriation	16,000.00
Interest on invested funds	675.00
M. Felice Baril, Librarian, fines and sundry receipts	1,016.00
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	\$18,873.89

## EXPENDITURES

Books	\$2,454.64
Periodicals	459.30
Binding	88.65
Printing, supplies and incidentals	383.77
Building repairs and supplies	266.54
Lighting and lighting supplies	570.84
Telephone	132.25
Insurance	78.17
Fuel	879.53
Expenses of Gonic Agency	205.00
Employee's retirement	639.09
Salaries	11,818.77
Miscellaneous	2.00
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	\$17,978.55
Balance December 31, 1955	895.34
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	\$18,873.89

## BEQUESTS

John McDuffee Annex Fund	\$5,000.00
Samuel D. Felker Fund	5,000.00
Charles and Aroline Greenfield Fund	5,000.00
John Greenfield Fund	5,000.00

John Hanscam Fund	5,000.00
Jennie Farrington Annex Fund	1,000.00
Sarah E. Varney Fund	1,000.00
Olive Maria Woodward Fund	249.32
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	\$27,249.32

## GIFTS

480 volumes, 457 pamphlets, 354 periodicals, 25 subscriptions, a check from the Rochester Home Advisory Council, Christmas decorations, plants, flowers, and floral displays through the year.

## PETTY CASH AT MAIN LIBRARY

## REPORT FOR 1955

Amount of money on hand January 1, 1955	\$87.73
Received from fines and other sources	1,022.72
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	\$1,110.45
Turned over to City Treasurer	\$1,016.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1955	94.45
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	\$1,110.45

Respectfully submitted,

M. FELICE BARIL,  
Librarian.

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*In Memoriam*

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HUNTLEY N. SPAULDING

Died November 14, 1955

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Annual Report of the  
**SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
ROCHESTER**

For the Year ending December 31, 1955

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**School Board—City of Rochester**

As Organized for 1955

*Chairman*, HON. JOHN SHAW

*Ward One*—Haven H. Johnson, Herman L. Robinson  
*Ward Two*—Robert F. Kelsey, John L. Hartigan  
*Ward Three*—Robert W. Watson, John M. Meader  
*Ward Four*—Leo E. Beaudoin, Wilfred Desaulnier  
*Ward Five*—Robert D. Marsh, G. Frederic Wagner  
*Ward Six*—Percy C. Grigg, Ronald C. Taylor

**STANDING COMMITTEES, 1955**

*Finance*—Mayor, Wagner, Kelsey, Robinson  
*Teachers and Salaries*—Beaudoin, Watson, Hartigan, Grigg,  
Taylor  
*Studies, Textbooks and Supplies*—Wagner, Kelsey, Johnson  
*Schoolhouses and Grounds*—Desaulnier, Meader, Marsh  
*Transportation*—Meader, Watson, Marsh  
*Vocational Training*—Kelsey, Johnson, Robinson  
*Athletics*—Hartigan, Beaudoin, Desaulnier, Grigg, Taylor  
*Floodlight Committee, SHS*—Members of Committee on School-  
houses and Grounds of the School Board and Public Build-  
ings Committee of the City Council.

**School Board—City of Rochester**

As Organized for 1956

*Chairman*, HON. ROBERT W. WATSON

*Ward One*—Herman L. Robinson, Howard R. Holt  
*Ward Two*—John L. Hartigan, Tathiana S. Klinger  
*Ward Three*—John M. Meader, Edith F. Mitchell  
*Ward Four*—Wilfred Desaulnier, Leo E. Beaudoin  
*Ward Five*—G. Frederic Wagner, W. Bradley Corson  
*Ward Six*—Ronald C. Taylor, Percy C. Grigg

**STANDING COMMITTEES, 1956**

*Finance*—Mayor, Wagner, Corson  
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Mitchell  
*Studies, Textbooks, and Supplies*—Taylor, Klinger, Corson  
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*Floodlight Committee, SHS*—Members of Committee on School-houses and Grounds of the School Board and Public Buildings Committee of the City Council.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND  
 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

JOHN H. FRYE

SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
 MYRTLE LOWE CHENEY

CLERK  
 ROSE E. HARTFORD

ATTENDANCE OFFICER  
 FRANK N. DOW

Office at City Building open from 8:00 to 12 A. M. and  
 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. except on week-ends and holidays.

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the Rochester School Board:*

I submit herewith my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

This report includes statistical information concerning enrollments, attendance, school census, finances, employees, buildings, special accounts and other facts taken from the records of the Rochester School Department.

### TEACHER CHANGES

Two elementary teachers, Edith F. Mitchell and Mary I. Smith, retired in June 1955. It is impossible to express fully the appreciation due these teachers for their many years of service in behalf of the children of Rochester.

Nine high school and nine elementary teachers have left the system for various reasons since my last report. Ten of these teachers accepted positions elsewhere. The following teachers resigned during the calendar year 1955: High School—Harry Arnold, Henry Bremner, Phyllis Cloutman, Arthur Cutter, Paul Doe, Muriel Kiley, Theodore Lylis, George Taylor, and Kenneth Johnson; Elementary schools, Grades 1-6—Edith Mitchell, Helen Lord, Louise Ackerman, Martha Lamb, Mary Ennis, Janet Berry, Mary Smith, Doris Fernald and Robert Welch.

A new teaching position was established at the School

St. School in September 1955 making a city-wide total of seven classrooms for grade three pupils. The changes in teaching personnel are indicated in another section of this report which lists, as usual, the teaching staff for the current year.

A study of enrollments by grades and the school census for 1955 indicates the need for an additional classroom in September 1956. It appears that there will be no significant change in the number of first graders enrolled in school next year. The reason for the additional classroom is shown by the following table:

Grade	Classrooms and Pupils September 1955		Estimated Number Classrooms Needed September 1956
1	6	197	6
2	7	214	6
3	7	211	7
4	5	180	7
5	5	165	5
6	5	147	5
Total	35	1114	36

TEACHERS—DECEMBER 31, 1955

School	Subjects or Grade	Name	Educational Preparation	Advanced Degree	Home
Superintendent Spaulding High Principal Ass't Principal		John H. Frye	Keene Normal School	B.Ed.	Rochester
		John M. Cotton	Univ. of N. H. Grad School Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed. B.S.	Rochester
		Harold W. Hanson	Harvard Grad. School of Ed. General Electric	M.Ed.	Rochester
	Hd. Ind. Arts Dept. and Dir. of Visual Aids	Marion B. Abbott	Plymouth Normal School	B.Ed.	Rochester
	Com., Social Science Physics, General Science	Theodore H. Ayer	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.	Milton Mills
	Commerce	Frances Bailey	Plymouth Normal School	B.Ed.	Rochester
	Shop, Grs. 7-8	Charles W. Beard	Keene Normal School Penn. State College	B.Ed. M.Ed.	E. Rochester
	Math., English, Grs. 7-8 Chemistry, Gen. Science	Edwin A. Blackey, Sr. J. Donald Callback	Brewster Academy Boston University	M.Ed. M.Ed.	Tamworth Melrose
	English	Marguerite Chamberlain	Plymouth Normal School	B.Ed.	Alton
	Soc. Sci. Hd. Dept.; Guidance Librarian	Helen F. Chase	Bates College Univ. of New Hampshire	A.B. M.A.	Rochester
		H. Rosamon Cole	Simmons College	B.S.	Hillsboro
	Math.; Gen. Science Grs. 7-8	A. Marie Collins	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A. B.S.	Rochester
	French, English, Latin Soc. Studies, Coach Football, and Baseball	Beatrice N. Cornish Leonard D'Errico	Univ. of New Hampshire Boston University	B.A. M.Ed.	Rochester Cranston, R.I.

TEACHERS—DECEMBER 31, 1955

Subject or Grade	Name	Educational Preparation	Advanced Degree	Home
Cabinet Shop	Ernando J. DeVittori	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Rochester
English	Marion Dow	Fitchburg Teachers College	M.Ed.	Rochester
Auto and Mach. Shops	Wilbur M. Fay	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Rochester
Physical Ed., Girls 7-12	Marjorie O. Fisk	Wentworth Institute	B.S.	Dover
Soc. Science, Dramatics	Nedra R. Flaker	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Rochester
Math., Soc. Studies	Dorothy G. Flint	Bates College	M.A.	Rochester
Art	Sigrid A. Francis	Boston University	B.S.	Rochester
Mach. Shop, Math., Guidance	Harry W. Grierson	Boston University	M.A.	Rochester
Home Eco., Grs. 7-8	Martha F. Grierson	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Ossipee
Elec., Mech. Dr., Auto Driving	Francis D. Hackett	Columbia University T.C.	M.A.	Rochester
Gen. Sci. Grs. 7-8 Ass't Coach	Martin E. Harwood	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Rochester
English, Guidance Grs. 7-8	Thomas E. Hennessey	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Rochester
Hist., Geog., Math., Grs. 7-8	George N. Hurley	Boston University	M.Ed.	Rochester
Soc. Studies, Eng., Grs. 7-8	Erma A. Jackson	Norwich University	B.A.	Rochester
English Math., Hist., English, Grs. 7-8	Edith G. Kelley Charlotte Leighton	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.	Somersworth
		Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.	Concord
		Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.	Durham
		Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.	Dover
		Plymouth Normal School	B.A.	Rochester

## TEACHERS—DECEMBER 31, 1955

School	Subject or Grade	Name	Educational Preparation	Advanced Degree	Home
Allen	Study Hall	Doris R. McBride	Tufts College	A.B.	Rochester
	Biology, Latin, Track Coach	Benjamin W. Mooney	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.A.	Rochester
	Phys. Ed., Gen. Math., Civics	Roland S. Morrison	Univ. of Maine	B.S.	Rochester
	Agriculture	Jerald K. Quimby	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Dover
	History, Math. Grs. 7-8	Mary W. Rhodes	Portsmouth Training School		Rochester
	Gen. Sci., Grs. 7-8; Math.	Robert S. Soukup	Tufts College	M.Ed.	East Rochester
	Home Economics	Lola M. Springfield	Nassau Institute	B.S.	Gonic
	Commerce, Social Sci.	Eva L. Stevenson	Bryant & Stratton		Barrington
	Dir. Ath., Phys. Ed. 7-12	Richard T. Wescott	Colby College	A.B.	Rochester
	English, Hd. Eng. Dept.	Irene W. Wight	Boston University	M.Ed.	
	I	Bernice E. Frye	Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.	Somersworth
	IIa	Phyllis J. Bliss	Portsmouth Training School		Portsmouth
	IIb	Beth S. Jessup	Wheelock Kindergarten School		Rochester
School St.	IIIa Principal	Dorothy N. Bullard	Johnson Vt. Normal School		Rochester
	IIIb	Frances W. Scott	Plymouth Normal School		Dover
	IV	Blanche S. Young	Aroostook Teachers College		Union
	V	Arlene L. Woodman	Lesley Normal School		Somersworth
	VI	Erma R. Goodwin	Keene Normal School		Rochester
	I	Flora V. Wotton	Gorham Normal School		Rochester
	II	Jane McDonald	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	IIIa	Jean W. Edgerly	Keene Normal School		Rochester
	IIIb	Helen G. MacLeod	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Rochester
	IV Principal	Marion E. Nelson	Keene Normal School		Rochester
			Boston University	B.S.	Rochester

TEACHERS—DECEMBER 31, 1955

School	Subject or Grade	Name	Educational Preparation	Advanced Degree	Home
Maple St.	V	Dina P. Blanchette	Plymouth Teachers College	B.Ed.	Rochester
	VI	Therese L. Carroll	Colby College		Rochester
	Ia	Belle T. Morse	Farmington Normal School		Rochester
	Ib	Mildred E. Whipple	Plymouth Normal School		Gonic
	IIa	Blanche M. Morse	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	IIb	Madeline Whitcomb	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	III	Naomi J. Morrill	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	IV	Ruth F. Watson	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	V	Winnifred S. Cotton	Gorham High School		Rochester
	VI	Helen C. Hennessey	North Adams Normal School		Somersworth
Gonic	I	Helen C. Marison	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Farmington
	II	Elsie M. King	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Rochester
	III	Hilda H. Gerrish	Plymouth Normal School		Northwood
	IV	Lillian Davis	Boston University	B.S.	Reed's Ferry
	V	Charlotte E. McKay	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Barrington
	VI	Beverly M. Shackford	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Farmington
			Univ. of New Hampshire	M.Ed.	
	I	G. Elaine Mahoney	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
	II	Isabelle V. Hartford	Gorham Normal School		Lebanon, Me.
	III	Hazel C. Fay	Plymouth Normal School		Rochester
E. Rochester	IV	Ellen H. Tuttle	Plymouth Normal School		Gonic
	V	Margaret P. Davenport	Gorham Normal School		Rochester
	VI	Lola T. Burns	Keene Teachers College	B.Ed.	Rochester
		Edward J. Madden	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Rochester
	Dir. of Instru. Music	Nancy A. Paulsen	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.S.	Cascade
	Supervisor, Vocal Mus.	Nora C. Scabill	Gale Hospital	R.N.	Rochester
	School Nurse				
Grades 1-12					
Grades 1-12					
Grades 1-12					

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Special repairs made at the elementary school buildings during the calendar year 1955 included orders for a new tar and gravel roof at the Maple St. School, new shingles for one side of the roof at the School St. School, and repairs to the basement windows at the Allen School. New rheostats for the switchboard in the auditorium, a new lining for one boiler in the main heating plant and repairs to the roof at Spaulding High School were also completed during the last year.

Considerable renovation should be made in the Rochester elementary school buildings. Classrooms should be redecorated with fresh paint and the hallway walls refinished with fire resistant paint. The installation of automatic sprinkler heads in the elementary school boiler rooms should be considered.

A special committee of seven school board members was appointed by Mayor John Shaw to study classroom needs in the Rochester Public Schools. This committee, comprised of Dr. John Hartigan, Dr. Percy Grigg, John Meader, Leo Beaudoin, Ronald Taylor, Frederic Wagner, and Haven Johnson, submitted the following report which was approved by the School Board on December 15, 1955.

REPORT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE  
ON CLASSROOM NEEDS

The total enrollment in the five public elementary schools, Grades 1-6, has increased from 782 to 1111 pupils during the last decade. During this period six additional classrooms have been equipped. Special services in the schools, such as the school lunch program, instruction in instrumental music, visual education, and physical education have also increased the need for additional space.

The five elementary school buildings contain thirty-six rooms suitable for classrooms: 9 at Maple St., 8 at Allen, 7 at School St., 6 at Gonic and 6 at East Rochester. Thirty-five of these are in use for regular classes at the present time and the remaining room is used as a kitchen and serving room for the school lunch program at the Maple St. School. In addition to the above listed classrooms there is a gymnasium at the Maple St. School, now used for the school lunch program, an assembly room at the East Rochester School also used for the lunch program, an activities room in the Allen School basement, and a small room at the School St. School where lunches are served under crowded conditions. Hot lunches are served in the hallways at the Gonic and Allen Schools. A recent report shows that hot lunches are being served daily to 113 pupils at the Allen School, 69 at the School St. School, 118 at Maple St., 94 at Gonic and 50 at East Rochester.

There are many factors to be considered in a study of future classroom needs in Rochester. The birth rate, the number of families with children moving to and from Rochester, and the impact of the new air force base at Newington are probably the most significant factors. Many studies have been made in school

districts throughout the country to ascertain the number of pupils to be enrolled at some future date. In many cases these projected enrollments prove inaccurate especially in critical areas similar to Rochester. The huge air force base at Newington and a new super highway leading to this city may effect this area as it has others. The fact that twenty classrooms are in use at the present time for the first three grades indicates that a minimum of forty classrooms will be needed when the present third grade enters grade six. This conclusion is based on the facts that the school census reports show no decrease in the annual birth rate of pre-school children and that families, with children of school age, are moving to Rochester. A study of these school census reports over a period of years indicates that approximately one out of three children attend the private schools within the city. The school census report for 1950 listed 4275 resident pupils under nineteen years of age and 4858 such pupils in 1955.

The school census reports and enrollment statistics are submitted herewith, along with a description of the present school facilities, in order to explain the forecast that crowded conditions in the schools will become critical in 1957. This conclusion is also based in part on the fact that school facilities should be determined by the type of educational program offered. Certain activities now required in the schools by public demand cannot be carried on in the regular classrooms while in use for academic instruction.

The following two plans for providing additional space in the schools have been proposed and investigated to a limited extent:

1. The conversion of the gymnasium at the Maple St. School into two classrooms and the use of the classroom now used as a school lunch serving room and kitchen for the purpose it was originally intended and the addition of an activities room to the Maple St. School designed to provide space for physical education and other special activities including the school lunch program.

2. An addition to the School St. School which would provide three new classrooms and a multi-purpose room similar to the one proposed for the Maple St. School. One of these three new classrooms to be provided from the space now occupied by the school lunch program and teachers' room.

The Committee has met with two architects, Mr. Walter Williams of Rochester and Mr. Irving Hersey of Durham, to consider costs of these plans for additions and renovations to the Maple St. and School St. Schools.

On the basis of pure guesses, due to the lack of specifications, the estimated costs of the proposed additions and renovations amounted to \$155,000. This figure is an average of the estimates for the above plans. The estimated cost of the proposed additions do not appear desirable or a sound investment because of the comparative cost of six classrooms in a new school building. The construction of an addition to the School St. School was not recommended by either architect due to the design of the building.

The following costs of new school building construction in New Hampshire were used as a basis for the comparison: The Tamworth School, six classrooms plus an activities room, \$132,000; The Bedford School, six classrooms and cafeteria, \$134,866; the Seabrook School, eight classrooms and general purpose room, \$157,700. These costs do not include architects' fees or costs of the sites. The total costs of these schools, including equipment, will probably average about 15 per cent higher.

The Committee submits the following recommendations to meet the immediate and long range needs of school children in Rochester:

1. That a new school building of six classrooms, plus an activity room and kitchen, designed on expandable plan, be constructed for use in September 1957 and that immediate action be taken for obtaining an adequate site of approximately twelve acres for this purpose.

2. That the gymnasium at the Maple St. School be used as a lunch room and kitchen beginning in September 1956 in order to make the present kitchen available as a classroom at that time.

3. That the several elementary schools be reconditioned.

Several of the elementary schools need many major repairs and replacements. The rust in the pipes prevents efficient operation of the plumbing and heating equipment. The floors, ceilings, and furniture in several classrooms should be replaced. The window sash, sills, and frames need putty, caulking, and fresh paint. The interiors of four buildings need re-decorating. The use of the present school buildings could be extended considerably and made more attractive by such maintenance. Further delay in making certain repairs will require costly replacements in the future.

Recommendations 1 and 2 above are made on the expert advice that an addition to the School St. School is impractical. The third recommendation is made on advice from the same architects that extensive repairs should be made to preserve the present school facilities in Rochester.

The average number of pupils per classroom in Rochester and the comparative number of pupils per grade, residing in certain areas of the city, make it desirable to continue the School Board policy of reassigning pupils to equalize classroom enrollments. The limited hardship of a child attending a school more remote from his home than another and young children in the same family attending different schools is offset to a considerable extent by extensive school bus service and the advantage of the equalized enrollments.

# OCTOBER ENROLLMENTS IN ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades 1-6 for last decade

Grade	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Allen.	1 18	26	30	31	34	29	30	*57	*54	39
	2 30	23	25	40	30	36	37	33	*62	*51
	3 26	30	19	28	35	32	36	39	36	*52
	4 21	29	34	25	23	36	36	35	35	37
	5 27	21	29	33	28	26	38	36	36	38
	6 24	30	22	32	27	28	28	37	37	34
Total	146	159	159	189	177	187	205	237	260	251
School	1 31	22	35	37	21	33	38	34	30	41
Street	2 26	25	22	34	38	21	31	35	36	26
	3 28	30	22	26	35	31	21	37	38	*63
	4 25	28	29	28	26	31	26	31	38	40
	5 30	20	29	32	32	27	30	34	31	39
	6 27	30	22	28	37	30	27	38	33	30
Total	167	155	159	185	189	173	173	209	206	239
Maple	1 37	39	33	42	33	34	*54	*71	*68	*50
Street	2 23	33	36	26	35	35	38	*52	*68	*65
	3 33	21	37	30	26	38	37	38	40	34
	4 26	33	22	28	28	28	40	35	37	41
	5 20	26	34	32	31	36	34	35	31	36
	6 33	25	24	39	35	31	37	36	36	37
Total	172	177	186	197	188	202	240	267	280	263
Gonic	1 22	22	13	32	32	37	30	40	38	38
	2 16	20	17	29	33	30	30	30	26	34
	3 16	20	16	27	31	33	33	28	31	31
	4 20	16	17	24	34	31	31	33	27	32
	5 19	19	15	19	31	33	27	34	29	28
	6 26	15	19	19	26	24	31	26	33	28
Total	119	112	97	150	187	188	182	191	184	191
East	1 35	35	45	31	27	30	32	33	35	27
Roch-	2 28	32	33	33	31	23	31	28	27	35
ester	3 35	30	30	26	35	30	23	28	33	33
	4 30	38	32	26	25	36	31	22	26	30
	5 24	28	29	25	21	21	35	26	21	25
	6 26	23	27	21	26	22	23	29	23	17
Total	178	186	196	162	165	162	175	166	165	167
Gr. Total	782	789	797	883	906	912	975	1070	1095	1111
No. clrms.	29	29	29	30	30	30	31	33	34	35

\*Pupils housed in two classrooms.

## ENROLLMENTS IN SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7-12 for Last Decade

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
October										
Grade 7	132	149	142	128	156	152	146	148	172	176
Grade 8	145	142	156	140	134	154	155	135	135	161
Grade 9	193	193	175	202	160	164	192	186	185	171
Grade 10	185	170	163	158	172	135	140	160	169	165
Grade 11	150	154	152	142	134	152	126	117	133	140
Grade 12	138	146	145	146	137	126	138	118	108	117
Post Grad.	13	6	3	6	11	3	0	1	3	2
Total	956	960	936	922	904	886	897	865	905	932

SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT  
Resident Children, Rochester, N. H.  
September, 1955

Age Sept. 1	Total Number of Children			Number Children Public Schools Within District			Number Children Private Schools Within District		
	1955	1954	1950	1955	1954	1950	1955	1954	1950
Less than 1 year	295	276	262						
1	291	285	262						
2	289	294	261						
3	288	287	312						
4	279	287	343				1	7k	13
5	287	279	242	43	32	30	39	17k	64
								29G.1	
6	298	332	222	165	207	118	130	120	77
7	332	368	202	196	220	157	132	146	89
8	376	256	250	229	161	149	145	95	75
9	260	221	230	159	139	127	100	81	82
10	220	222	214	141	139	132	79	79	77
11	224	257	203	142	171	122	81	86	53
12	262	221	180	177	152	139	85	67	58
13	220	221	197	156	150	132	63	62	60
14	222	199	185	164	147	137	50	45	26
15	193	189	165	149	151	137	36	32	34
16	188	201	184	125	133	123	25	27	14
17	178	181	176	96	79	93	24	24	32
Thru 18	156	150	185	15	17	29	7	2	4
Total	4858	4726	4275	1957	1898	1625	997	919	758

# REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1954-1955

	No. Pupils Registered*	Boys	Girls	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Percent of Attendance	No. of Tardinesses
ALLEN SCHOOL								
Bernice E. Frye	27	12	15	23.1	2.1	25.2	91.7	5
Madeline Whitecomb	28	16	12	23.3	3.2	26.5	87.9	39
Edith F. Mitchell	32	18	14	28.1	2.4	30.5	92.2	4
Louise Ackerman	33	18	15	27.9	2.1	30.0	92.9	3
Phyllis J. Bless	40	20	20	34.3	2.2	36.5	94.0	7
Blanche S. Young	38	21	17	34.3	1.5	35.8	95.8	7
Arline L. Woodman	37	17	20	34.0	1.7	35.7	95.3	21
Erma R. Goodwin	40	20	20	35.9	2.0	37.9	94.6	8
SCHOOL ST. SCHOOL								
Flora V. Wotton	32	15	17	27.3	2.6	29.9	91.2	10
Jane McDonald	37	18	19	33.3	1.9	35.2	94.5	20
Helen G. MacLeod	39	20	19	36.0	2.0	38.0	94.7	9
Marion E. Nelson	40	16	24	36.9	2.1	39.0	94.7	12
Martha Lamb	30	17	13	28.9	1.4	30.3	95.3	8
Therese Carroll	34	14	20	32.6	1.0	33.6	97.1	19
MAPLE ST. SCHOOL								
Belle Morse	35	16	19	30.7	3.0	33.7	91.2	23
Mildred Whipple	34	25	9	30.5	2.9	33.4	91.4	23
Janet Berry	35	19	16	31.3	2.5	33.8	92.5	13
Mary H. Ennis	35	15	20	29.4	2.6	32.0	91.7	41
Naomi J. Morrill	42	17	25	37.7	2.4	40.1	94.0	17
Ruth F. Watson	38	24	14	34.4	1.6	36.0	95.6	23
Winnifred S. Cotton	31	11	20	29.4	1.9	31.3	93.9	16
Helen C. Hennessey	39	20	19	34.3	1.6	35.9	95.5	33
GONIC SCHOOL								
Helen C. Marison	45	25	20	34.5	3.6	38.1	90.6	22
Elsie M. King	24	13	11	23.7	1.9	25.6	92.7	7
Doris T. Fernald	33	17	16	28.6	2.3	30.9	92.6	20
Lillian Davis	27	13	14	25.0	1.9	26.9	93.1	5
Mary I. Smith	34	18	16	26.0	2.2	28.2	92.2	11
Beverly M. Shackford	32	14	18	30.6	1.9	32.5	94.2	8
EAST ROCHESTER SCHOOL								
G. Elaine Mahoney	36	18	18	31.8	3.4	35.2	90.5	8
Isabelle V. Hartford	30	19	11	26.4	2.2	28.6	92.2	28
Hazel C. Fay	35	17	18	31.1	2.5	33.6	92.5	7
Ellen H. Tuttle	25	12	13	24.2	.9	25.1	96.4	12
Margaret Davenport	23	12	11	20.0	1.0	21.0	95.5	7
Helen E. Lord	24	15	9	22.2	1.5	23.7	93.6	11
High School, Grs. 7-8	317	170	147	287.7	16.8	304.5	94.5	286
High School, Grs. 9-12	624	318	306	531.5	41.1	572.6	92.8	1460
	2085	1070	1015	1836.9	129.9	1966.8	93.4	2253
1944-45	1908	917	891	1578.89	93.32	1672.21	94.42	3940
1934-35	1622	813	809	1437.18	42.71	1479.89	97.11	783
1924-25	1408	692	716	1213.95	60.26	1274.21	95.27	677

\* This excludes re-registration through transfer from one school to another in this city.

## JANITORS, DECEMBER 31, 1955

Name of School	Name of Janitor	No. Wks. Employed	Pay Per Week
Spaulding High School	William Grassie, head janitor	52	\$63.00
	Bernard Hunt	52	50.00
	Raymond C. Page	52	50.00
	Granville Rogers	52	50.00
	Raymond J. Seavey	52	50.00
	Ernest Winkley	52	50.00
Allen East Rochester Gonic Maple Street School Street	Claudis Edgerly	52	50.00
	Herman E. Thompson	52	50.00
	Lionel Theberge	52	50.00
	Donald Sylvain	52	50.00
	Robert Quint	52	50.00

## TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

December 31, 1955

Name	Route	Pay Per Week
Larry Cote	Farmington Road, Chestnut Hill Road, Washington St., Dry Hill Road, Hansonville, Oak Street.	\$82.75
Cecil J. Hall	Ten Rod, Chestnut Hill, Cross, and Milton Roads.	85.39
George E. Pray	Merrill's Corner, Crown Point, Strafford Road, Rochester Heights, Gonic Road, Charles Street.	78.49
Roland Roberge	Salmon Falls and Whitehall Roads, Rochester Hill.	68.16
Harvey E. Warburton	North Rochester, Milton and Salmon Falls Roads, Adams Corner.	92.85
Sumner W. Watson	Rochester Neck, Blackwater, Pickering, Old Dover Road, Flagg Road, Dry Hill Road and Oak Street.	83.00
Interstate Passenger Service	Milton Road, Washington St., Rochester Heights, Lowell St., Tebbetts Road, Old Dover Road, Rochester Hill (Goodwin Park)	78.86

## CURRICULUM

A curriculum to meet effectively the needs of boys and girls with wide differences in abilities, interests, and attitudes, coming from homes that also differ widely in social and economic backgrounds, must provide for individual differences. An educational program, designed to meet the needs of all children, must vary in content depending on the ability of the children involved. The minimum program for all pupils must be enriched greatly, at the high school level especially, to prepare certain pupils for successful work in post-secondary technology schools. This minimum program of common learnings must also meet the needs of those pupils who cannot attain high academic standards due to personal reasons. It is unfair to judge a school by the scholastic attainments of either type of pupil but the needs of both should be met and understood.

An official school report, made in this county at about the time of the Civil war, indicates that human nature has changed very little in the last century. The reports show that a certain percentage of pupils at that time were addicted to practices that are now known as "juvenile delinquency." Unfortunately, the methods of reacting unfavorably have also improved along with the improvements made in transportation, communication, and labor saving devices. Wayward youngsters have not only learned to react dangerously but under the school attendance laws they now remain in school until they graduate, attain the age of sixteen or are suspended or expelled due to gross misconduct. It is unfortunate that the misdeeds of this limited number of maladjusted youth, who may not want to be in school, reflect on the good work of the great majority.

Whether or not the schools are getting more than their share of the blame is not the purpose of this report. The fact remains that schools must do more than ever before to develop good citizens. With the full cooperation of parents the work of the school attendance officer, the juvenile courts, and probation officers would be greatly lessened. Unless pupils are encouraged to work, idleness and poor citizenship usually result.

Achievement and Intelligence tests have been given in the Rochester schools for many years. In recent years these tests have been administered and corrected under the supervision of the Guidance Department at the University of New Hampshire. The tests have been corrected and results tabulated by an I.B.M. scoring machine at the University. The tests indicate satisfactory mental growth and achievement of pupils in comparison to other school systems on the basis of national norms.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH SUPERVISOR

July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955

Cash On Hand, July 1, 1954 .....		\$ 1,605.89
Receipts:		
Children's Lunches .....	\$42,118.83	
Adult Lunches .....	1,843.81	
Reimbursement U.S.D.A. ....	7,752.98	
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,439.63	
		<u>53,155.25</u>
Total Receipts for the Year .....		54,761.14
Expenditures:		
Food .....	35,863.56	
Labor:		
Children .....	2,459.24	
Adult .....	14,149.55	
Equipment .....	2.61	
Sundry .....	1,442.14	
		<u>53,917.10</u>
Cash Balance On Hand June 30, 1955 ....		844.04
Estimated Inventory on Above Date ....		897.67
Reimbursement for June Claim		
Outstanding .....		<u>396.21</u>
Total Assets .....		2,137.92
Bills Outstanding June 30, 1955.....		<u>501.07</u>
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities .....		1,636.85

Cassie Richardson, Supervisor Rochester Lunch Program

In my opinion, the above report is true and correct  
and the cash balance on June 30, 1955 has been verified.

Paul H. Bergeron  
City Auditor

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

Rentals .....	\$	707.50	
Tuitions, Grades 1-6 .....		164.35	
Tuitions, Grades 7-12 .....		21,626.15	
Federal Aid, Vocational Agriculture ..		2,121.91	
Federal Aid, Public Law 874			
1954 \$13,581.96			
1955 11,500.00 .....		25,081.96	
Appropriation .....		<u>374,528.03</u>	\$424,229.90

## EXPENDITURES

Administration:	
Superintendent's Salary (Local share) .....	5,500.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision .....	3,850.00
Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel:	
Attendance Officer .....	876.00
Census .....	489.40
Secretaries .....	5,579.92
Supplies and Expenses:	
Postage .....	99.26
Printing and Office Supplies .....	551.37
Telephone .....	1,189.52
Travel .....	281.47
Instruction:	
Teachers' Salaries .....	279,713.63
Substitutes .....	1,802.25
Textbooks & Other Instructional Aids .....	4,689.84
Pupils' Supplies .....	6,167.24
Salaries of Clerical Assistants .....	1,918.43
Vocational .....	2,690.36
Other Instructional Expenses:	
Graduation .....	156.21
Flags .....	81.61
Library and Reference Books ....	810.49
Testing Program .....	740.25
Travel .....	345.15
Report Cards .....	78.75
Operation of School Plant:	
Janitors' Salaries .....	29,317.64
Fuel .....	8,641.61
Janitors' Supplies .....	2,406.41
Light .....	6,003.06
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and Replacements .....	5,971.61
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health Supervision:	
Nurse .....	3,383.68
Physician and Medical Supplies ..	611.26
Transportation .....	21,626.53
Tuition for Handicapped .....	317.59
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement .....	21,703.26
Insurance .....	4,102.81
Capital Outlay:	
New Equipment .....	873.24
Debt, Interest and Other Charges:	
Payments of Principal of Debt .....	1,530.00
Payments of Interest on Debt .....	130.05

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 \$424,229.90

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1956-57

	Number of School Days	"No School" Days
1. September 5 to December 21	73	Sept. 3 Labor Day
Vacation—Dec. 24-Jan. 1		4 Organization Day
2. January 2 to February 15	33	17 Children's Day Fair
Vacation—Feb. 18-24		Oct. 12 Columbus Day
3. February 25 to April 19	40	Nov. 12 Veteran's Day
Vacation—April 22-28		22 Thanksgiving
4. April 29 to June 14	34	23 Thanksgiving
		Jan. 1 New Year's
		May 30 Memorial Day
Total	180 days	

One long session on November 21 and on Good Friday.

Due to regulations of the State Board of Education, requiring sessions on 180 school days, it is recommended that the Rochester Public Schools shall not close due to inclement weather. School days lost in case of extreme emergencies will be made up by extending the school year in June 1957.

Parents are expected to show good judgment on school attendance whenever unusual conditions may affect the health or safety of their children.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Twenty-two upon the fire alarm will be the signal for no school. When sounded at 7:05 and 7:45 all schools will be closed for the day. When sounded at 11:15 pupils will be dismissed at the usual morning closing hour for the rest of the day. The same signals will be sounded at Gonic and East Rochester. Notification will also be broadcast from Station WWNH and Station WHEB at 7:15 and 7:45.

## CONCLUSION

The last year has been one of many changes. More teachers than usual left the system to teach elsewhere. Many pupils were reassigned to other schools in order to avoid excessive enrollments in certain classrooms. The public demand for better schools and the increased cost of such services make careful planning necessary for the future educational welfare of our youth.

Whatever progress has been made in our schools during the last year and whatever good may come from our plans for future improvements is and will continue to be the result of cooperation. For this cooperation I wish to thank the School Board, City officials, school principals, teachers, parents and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. FRYE,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
STUDENT ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION  
September 6, 1954 to September 7, 1955

RECEIPTS

Checking Account September 8, 1954 .....	\$1,767.03
Savings and Interest .....	1,041.37
Sinking Fund .....	4,303.40
Red & White .....	1,083.98
Football .....	2,793.35
Basketball .....	1,536.55
Baseball .....	12.23
Dramatics .....	377.73
Track .....	21.08
Music and Debating .....	715.01
Class of 1955 .....	1,935.25
Class of 1956 .....	501.67
Class of 1957 .....	357.28
Class of 1958 .....	203.33
Class of 1959 .....	94.65
Class of 1960 .....	139.91
Miscellaneous .....	6,822.59
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	\$25,706.41

PAYMENTS

Sinking Fund .....	\$1,591.37
Red & White .....	1,273.16
Football .....	3,945.62
Basketball .....	1,849.83
Baseball .....	445.41
Dramatics .....	273.99
Track .....	246.92
Music and Debating .....	705.45
Class of 1953 .....	226.16
Class of 1954 .....	415.09
Class of 1955 .....	3,553.80
Class of 1956 .....	197.37
Class of 1957 .....	93.61
Class of 1958 .....	0.00
Class of 1959 .....	10.69
Class of 1960 .....	5.69
Miscellaneous .....	6,456.12
Check Book Balance .....	2,375.06
Savings and Interest .....	1,041.37
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	\$23,706.41

In addition to the Assets listed in the Balance Sheet, the Student Activity Association owns U. S. Savings Bonds and Stamps as follows:

Bonds:	
Due November, 1954 .....	\$ 25.00
Due June, 1956 .....	800.00
Stamps .....	8.00
Total .....	\$833.00

"I have audited the accounts of the Student Activity Association for the year ending August 31, 1955 and I believe the foregoing Financial Statements to be true and correct."

Paul H. Bergeron,  
City Auditor

# GRADUATION EXERCISES

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SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1955

SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, June 16, 1955

At 8 P. M.

Rochester, New Hampshire

## PROGRAM

Processional

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Invocation

REVEREND MARSHALL STEVENSON

Welcome

DANA LIBBY  
*President of Senior Class*

Selection

"Where'er You Walk"     *George Frederick Handel*  
SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Address

CECIL E. HINSHAW, D. D.

Selection

"If Thou Be Near"     *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BAND

50th Anniversary, Class of 1905

PRESIDENT, BERNARD FEENY

Awards

SUPERINTENDENT JOHN H. FRYE  
PRINCIPAL JOHN M. COTTON

Class Ode

NANCY CLOW  
Class of 1955

Presentation of Diplomas

MAYOR JOHN SHAW  
*Chairman of School Board*

Alma Mater

LYRICS, CYNTHIA SPRUNGER '56  
MUSIC, EDWARD MADDEN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
Class of 1955

Benediction

REVEREND DONALD MARSH

Recessional

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

All are invited to a Reception to the Graduates in  
the Gymnasium immediately following the Exercises.

## CLASS OF 1955

## CLASS OFFICERS

*President*  
*Vice-President*  
*Secretary*  
*Treasurer*

DANA LIBBY  
 BRUCE REYNOLDS  
 MARY LOU GRANT  
 MARY SIELIAN

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

CONSTANCE DUBOIS  
 NOLA GRONDIN

DARYL KELLER  
 STUART WILSON

RICHARD BERGERON

*Class Advisors*

MRS. LOLA SPRINGFIELD  
 MR. PAUL DOE

## MOTTO

*"With God as our Guide we face Tomorrow"*

CLASS COLORS  
*Red and White*

CLASS FLOWER  
*Red Rose*

*Class Marshal*

VICTOR JOOS '56

## MEMBERS OF CLASS OF 1955

Ayer, Charlotte Frances  
 Ayer, Rita Elizabeth  
 Barcomb, Frederick Harold  
 Beals, Carol Ann  
 Beardsworth, Frances Joan  
 Beaudoin, Gerard Roland  
 Belleville, Janet Marie  
 Bennett, James Edward  
 Bergeron, Richard Raymond  
 Bragg, Jacqueline June  
 Brooks, Robert Earle, Jr.  
 Brown, Patricia Pearl  
 Bryan, Helen Catherine  
 Carlson, Arvid Edwin  
 Carter, Frederick Eugene  
 Charron, Raymond Austin  
 Chesley, Paul Weston  
 \*Clow, Nancy Jane  
 Collins, Jake Merrill  
 Cormier, Arline Roberta  
 Couture, Richard Adrian  
 Cromeenes, Christine Louise  
 Cross, Lorraine Mae  
 Dame, Richard Eldredge  
 \*Dickie, Shirley Ann  
 Doherty, Ruth Montgomery  
 Downing, Edna Mae  
 Drew, Robert Franklin  
 Drouin, Robert Raymond  
 \*Dubois, Constance Elaine

Edwards, Joyce Carol  
 Ellis, Fred, Jr.  
 Fernald, Jane Bannister  
 Foley, Geraldine Isabel  
 Forbes, Sandra Althea  
 French, Elaine Gertrude  
 Frost, Richard Harvlin  
 Dodge, Patricia Helen  
 Gibb, David Charles  
 Gilbert, Wayne  
 Gilman, Ronald Stuart  
 Grace, Joanne Louise  
 \*Grant, Mary Lou  
 \*Grondin, Nola Elaine  
 Haggenmiller, Annaliese  
 Elizabeth  
 Hall, Sally Ann  
 Hall, Sandra Gean  
 Hamilton, Robert Evans  
 Haselton, Adele Esther  
 \*Hathaway, Carole Lee  
 Hayes, Joan Mabel  
 Hellman, Arlene Mary  
 Hersom, William Forrest  
 Hooper, Lawrence Hunter, Jr.  
 Hourihane, Eileen Mary  
 Jackson, Norma Jane  
 Jacobs, Ronald Walter  
 Keller, Daryl Wayne  
 Knapp, Shirley Ann

LaFleur, Joseph John	Printy, James Maurice
*Leavitt, Wendell William	Ranagan, John Ward
Lemire, Robert Theodore	Reynolds, Bruce Alan
Lesperance, Dawn Angela	Scott, Charles Richard
Libby, Dana Edward	Sielian, Mary
Low, David	Spinney, Jane Wallace
MacIver, Clifton John	Sprague, Ramona Enola
Mallett, Norman Anderson	Sterns, Wayne Carmen
Massingham, Arthur John	Stevenson, Jeanette Esther
*McCallister, Nancy Marion	Tebbetts, Donald Richard
Merchant, Wayne Michael	Therrien, Robert Lucien
Miles, Russell Alfred	Thompson, Mary Chapin
Mucher, James Francis	Tibbetts, Clifford Arthur
Naimie, Patricia Ann	*Tompson, Eleanor Jane
Oberacker, Helen Ruth	Towle, Barbara Louise
Page, Raymond Charles, Jr.	VanBuskirk, Jacqueline
Palmer, Margaret Elizabeth	Yvonne
Parker, Daniel Kirk	Watson, Judith Anne
Peaslee, Robert Arthur	Weeks, Marilyn June
Perkins, Richard Louis	Wentworth, Eugene William
Pomerleau, Arthur Richard	Wilson, Frank Stuart
Pouliot, Elaine Theresa	Witham, Gloria June
Powell, Richard	

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# EXAUGURAL BY MAYOR JOHN SHAW

*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

This will be my last report to you on the affairs of our City. Our 1955 budget should show unexpended balances to make a surplus for the year of approximately \$15,000. This was done in spite of a cutback of approximately \$13,000 over last year's budget and an increase in the County's apportionment of \$7,500.

## TAX RATE

Our tax rate was again reduced this year 60c per thousand to make a total of \$6.20 in three years. This year's rate of \$44.00 per thousand is \$2.60 less per thousand than the average State tax rate of \$46.60.

## CITY DEBT

We have cut down our City debt until at the end of this year it will stand at \$179,252.70 not including the water debt.

## WATER SYSTEM

How great our need was for a new water system is shown by these figures. In 1953 our largest single day's consumption of water, June 17th, was 1,260,000 gallons. This amount of use ran the tanks dry and necessitated imposing a water ban.

In 1955 our largest single day's consumption, August 4th, was 2,325,000 gallons. These were peak days but the need was there. We are consuming about 20% more water for the year of 1955 than the year 1953. The water debt is \$635,000 payable in 20 years more. This should be paid for out of yearly revenues and with the increased consumption this should not be difficult.

## SCHOOLS

\$11,500 additional was given to the School Department over and above their regular budget for the year and the total amount used by the School Department is approximately \$424,000.

## PARKING LOTS

Two parking lots have been voted this year. The B & M property on Hanson Street can be completed as soon as the railroad people make the necessary arrangements. The Congress Street property was purchased this month.

## EQUIPMENT

\$36,000 worth of new equipment was added to the City Departments and this will modernize and bring these departments up to date.

## CONCLUSION

It has been said that the "perfect City" as far as administration is concerned is one that has adequate services with low real estate values, a low tax rate, and low water rates. You may use your own judgment as to how close we have come to this so-called perfectly administered City.

I would like to publicly thank all the employees of the City for the help and the aid that has made our program possible.

I want to thank all you members of the City Council and also the members of the School Board for the privilege of working with you.

# INAUGURAL ADDRESS

BY ROBERT W. WATSON, MAYOR

January 3, 1956

*Gentlemen of the Council:*

We are facing a crucial year in the City of Rochester.

Faced with the tax reduction of the past three years, we are on trial. A tax cut in 1956 is an impossibility. Our program in 1956 should be one of economy and good government.

We are faced with further modernizing of the Public Works Department, extensive repairs to some of our public buildings, and a street-building program that is progressive. The costs of these mentioned have risen steadily, adding to the difficulty of doing the same without a rise in the tax rate.

## SCHOOLS

We seriously need a new school. Some of our classrooms are over-crowded and the pupils are eating in the corridors. Our teachers' salaries are, with possibly one exception, the lowest of any city in the state. This year, we have spent approximately \$25,000 of Federal Aid for 1954 and 1955, which was not included in the 1955 school budget.

## RECREATION

I shall appoint a special committee of five from the Council to work with a citizens' committee of five on the swimming pool project. The voters of the City of Rochester voted on a referendum in 1949 to raise \$20,000 to construct a swimming pool. Being a strong believer that such is the will of the people, this project should be completed.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I have tried to give you a picture of some of the problems that we, in the City Government, are faced with. I feel confident that by working together in 1956, most of these problems can be overcome.

# CITY GOVERNMENT

AS ORGANIZED JANUARY 1, 1956

*Mayor*, ROBERT W. WATSON

## COUNCILMEN

*Ward One*—Sherman A. Chamberlain, Reginald G. Hurd, Sr., Richard N. Wiley.

*Ward Two*—Scott G. Winkley, John F. Campbell, Floyd H. Busch.

*Ward Three*—Sumner W. Watson, Edgar J. Carignan, Neree Anctil.

*Ward Four*—J. Arthur Leblond, Marc E. Lemoyne, Sylvio A. Levesque.

*Ward Five*—Edward H. Quimby, Jr., Elmer R. Waitt, Melvin E. Downing.

*Ward Six*—Frank D. Callaghan, Jr., Carl Wentworth, Oscar J. Turmelle.

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*City Clerk*—D. Arlene Baker.

*City Solicitor*—Robert A. Carignan.

*City Treasurer*—Lorraine Callaghan.

*City Accountant*—Paul H. Bergeron.

*Collector of Taxes*—Downing W. Osborne.

*Commissioner of Public Works*—George C. Nadeau

*Marshal*—Ernest J. Levesque.

*Assistant Marshal*—Nelson E. Goodfield.

*Sergeant*—Clarence A. Woods.

*Patrolmen*—Deus Levesque, Leland L. Waterhouse, Laurent V. Autotte, Arnold Horn, Sidney J. Hurley, Nelson S. Hatch, Joseph G. Zuromski, Willis M. Hayes, Charles E. Dame, Alvah L. Cox.

*Chief Engineer of Fire Department*—Ralph G. Seavey.

*Deputy Chief Engineers of Fire Department*—Frederic Cookson, Joseph E. Woodes, Charles R. Grenier, John Meader.

*Overseer of Poor*—Forrest L. Keay.

*Sanitary Officer*—Frank N. Dow.

*City Physician*—Charles E. Moors, Jr.

*Board of Health*—Forrest L. Keay, Frank N. Dow, Charles E. Moors, Jr.

*Plumbers' Examining Board*—Joseph A. Rainville, Beverly H. Davis, Frank N. Dow.

*Assessors*—Louis M. Boston, George J. Potvin, Albert R. Chalmers.

*Trustees of Trust Funds*—Wallace Hussey, Bernard F. Nixon, Walter A. Bickford.

*Trustees of Public Library*—Reginald G. Hurd, Sr., Winifred E. Hartigan, Sumner W. Watson, Lucien G. Paradis, Albert C. Hervey, Harold E. Copeland.

*Licensing Board*—Mayor Robert W. Watson, City Marshal Ernest J. Levesque, City Accountant Paul H. Bergeron.

*Manager of City Hall Auditorium*—Frank B. Miller.  
*Building Inspector*—Miles H. Dustin.  
*Janitor*—Odilon Ferland.  
*Janitor, East Rochester Hall*—Everett H. Johnson  
*Janitor, Gonic Hall*—Telles Dolbec.  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures*—Clifford J. Grenier.  
*Public Weighers*—Dana Copp, Chester A. Davis, J. Raymond Fisher, Wallace N. Fisher, Miles Hill, Robert Hussey, Charles Matotcks, J. A. Morrill, Albert C. Mortimer, Roger E. Page, Orlando E. Pickering, Hill Pollard, George Sewell, Chester H. Smith, Olive Page Tufts, Albert Warburton, Joseph Woodes, Bert Woodward.  
*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*—Arthur Bonenfant, Frank Hazelton, George J. Potvin, Arthur S. Wallace, Walter Williams.  
*Fence Viewers*—Harry F. Lemke, Frank B. Pinkham.

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#### STANDING COMMITTEES, 1956

*Finance*—Mayor, Watson, Waitt  
*Public Works*—Mayor, Watson, Callaghan, Levesque, Leblond, Carignan, Hurd.  
*Police Budget Committee*—Mayor, Lemoyne, Wentworth.  
*Fire Department*—Levesque, Winkley, Quimby.  
*Legal Affairs*—Mayor, Campbell, Wiley.  
*Claims and Accounts*—Mayor, Leblond, Quimby.  
*Public Buildings*—Callaghan, Anctil, Busch.  
*Purchasing*—Mayor, Lemoyne, Wentworth.  
*Traffic*—Carignan, Downing, Busch.  
*Street Lights*—Winkley, Lemoyne, Turmelle.  
*Elections*—Hurd, Turmelle, Chamberlain.  
*Bills in Second Reading*—Campbell, Anctil, Downing.

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#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ernest W. Campbell, Chairman; Albert C. Hervey, Secretary;  
 Donald Keller, John C. Richardson, Jr., Ludger J. Cossette.

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#### ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Robert W. Watson; Paul H. Bergeron, Secretary; Sylvio A. Levesque, Ernest L. Rolfe, John Meader, Dennis E. Brennan, J. Paul LaRoche, Herve E. Lagasse, Albert L. Mabbett.

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#### SELECTMEN AS OF 1956

*Ward One*—Glover Robinson, George Pray, Quentin McKenney.  
*Ward Two*—Donald D. Beaudoin, Randolph Conrad, Thomas Powers.  
*Ward Three*—Rita L. Carignan, Priscilla Couture, Diana Lachapelle.  
*Ward Four*—Herve J. Martel, Philip Perrault, Roger Laroche.  
*Ward Five*—Albert C. Hervey, Melvin Downing, William E. Gerrish.  
*Ward Six*—Vernon E. Hersom, Frank Muggleston, Philip Estes.

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